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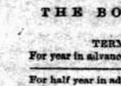
SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.



The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

Leave Bombay	Feb. 16	Leave Galle	Feb. 1870
" Ratnagherry	16	" Negapatam	23
" Vingorla	16	" Pondicherry	25
" Carwar	17		27
" Mangalore	18		March.
" Cannanore	19	" Madras	2
" Calicut	19	" Coconada	4
" Tellicherry	19	" Visagapatam	5
" Beypore	19	" Bimlipatam	5
" Cochin	20	" Gopalpore	6
" Tuticorin	20	" False Point	7
" Colombo	22	Arrive Calcutta	8

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Gundar, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

The steam ship ABYSSINIA, 1,129 tons, 200 H. P., Commander C. M. H. Day, will be despatched on the 21st February, 1870, at noon.

Up.	Feb.	Down.	March.
Leave Bombay	21	Leave Bussorah	11
" Gundur	26	" Fao	11
" Muscat	March 1	" Bushire	13
" Bunder Abbas	3	" Linga	15
" Linga	4	" Bunder Abbas	17
" Bushire	7	" Muscat	19
" Fao	8	" Gundur	21
" Mahomerah	8	" Kurrachee	23
Arrive Bussorah	9	Arrive Bombay	26

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM TO THE MALABAR COAST.

The well known First Class Steamer PHLOX, E. Baker, Commander, will leave for the undermentioned Ports, every TUESDAY, starting from the Apollo Bunder at 4 P.M.

Unjunvell, Ratnagherry, Geyapoor, | Malwan, Vingorla, Banjim.

For Freight or Passage apply to NUSSERWANJEE KERSASJEE, Bazaar Gate Street, and for Charter to J. DIXON, Apollo Street.

STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Fares from Bombay to	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Butchers Island and Oorun.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0
Second Class	0 12	1 0	0 8	0 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 9

The Dhurumtur Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M.

The Oolwa Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Bombay, 5th November 1867.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, GENERAL OUTRAM, and TILLY.

ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
" Ratnagherry	Sunday.	" Beypore	Saturday.
" Malwan	"	" Calicut	"
" Vingorla	"	" Tellicherry	"
" Goa	Monday.	" Cannanore	"
" Carwar	"	" Mangalore	Sunday.
" Cumpta	"	" Honore	Monday.
" Mangalore	Tuesday.	" Carwar	"
" Cannanore	Wednesday.	" Goa	Tuesday.
" Tellicherry	"	" Vingorla	"
" Calicut	"	" Malwan	"
" Beypore	"	" Ratnagherry	Wednesday.
Arrive Cochin	Thursday.	Arrive Bombay	Thursday.

The Steamer GENERAL OUTRAM, Captain Teasdale, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY next, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M.

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 14th February, 1870.

LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Calling at Havre if sufficient inducement offer.)

The undermentioned First Class Screw Steamers will be despatched in the following order:—

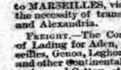
Steamer.	Tons	Register	
Leith	957	"	28th February.
Calypso	1,123	"	10th March.
Dido	1,190	"	31st March.

For Freight only apply to RITCHIE, STEUART, & Co.

3rd February 1870.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE (via SUEZ CANAL).

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, and MARSEILLES.



LA COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.—MARC FRAISSINET PERE and FILS will DESPATCH STEAMERS MONTHLY from BOMBAY to MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL, thus dispensing with the necessity of transhipment of Goods and Passengers at Suez and Alexandria.

Freight.—The Company undertake to grant through Bills of Lading for Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Malta, Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia, Naples, Barcelona, Havre, and other Continental Ports. They have also made arrangements to forward Cotton at a through rate from Bombay to the principal towns in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Spain.

Shippers will have the option, on due notice being given, of detaining at Marseilles Cotton destined for other parts of the Continent; the Freight on same to be regulated at the average rate paid by the same Steamer.

Freight on Goods shipped to Europe to be payable at Marseilles in French money.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize from up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's Floating Policy, on goods shipped by their own Steamers. Premiums of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles ½ per cent.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

1st Class.	2nd Class.
Rs. 300	Rs. 200

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare.

Servants, Rs. 100.

In accordance with the above, the new Steam Ship AFRIQUE, 3,500 tons, Captain Roland, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 28th February, and will be followed by the ASIE, 1,900 tons, Captain Lafrique, to sail about the 20th March next.

For further particulars, rates of Freight &c., apply to

KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 14th February, 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per ship EUTERPE, from London, are requested to SEND BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Cosens, without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 2nd February 1870.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, VENICE, NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, BARCELONA, HAVRE, ADEN, AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, under arrangements with other first class lines of Steamers from Alexandria, undertake to give through Bills of Lading for Goods via Egypt to the above and most other Continental Ports.

A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

Rates of Fare.

To Suez—1st class £40, 2nd class £22. 10s. } Exclusive
To Trieste—1st class £55, 2nd class £34. } of Wines.
Exclusive of Transit.

Passengers by or for our Steamers will be furnished with First-class Tickets between Alexandria and Marseilles by Messrs. Fraissinet & Co.'s line for £10; making the passage-money between Bombay and Marseilles £50, exclusive of transit in Egypt.

We have arranged our departures from Bombay so as to arrive immediately before the departure of Messrs. Fraissinet's Steamer from Alexandria and avoid delay to passengers. The Marseilles Boats leave Alexandria every Thursday morning.

Steamers will leave Bombay every alternate Monday.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathbone & Co., Alexandria; Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, Trieste and Venice; Messrs. Fraissinet Pere et Fils, Marseilles; and Messrs. R. Rubattino and Co., Genoa; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

The Steam-ship KRISHNA, 1,500 Tons, Captain Bowyellow, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 28th February.

The following Steamer will be despatched on MONDAY the 14th March.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship CASHMERE, from Singapore, are requested to send Delivery Orders with Bills of Lading for countersignature to the undersigned, and to send BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Kinsman without further information at the risk and expense of the concerned.

DOSSABHOY MERWANJEE & Co.,
Agents for Captain and Owners.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per Ship TYTHONUS, from Liverpool, are requested to send off BOATS alongside to take delivery of their respective goods as they come to hand, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Creen, without further notice, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Captain Creen will not be responsible for the contents or condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

EWART, LATHAM, & Co.,
Agents for the Captain and Owners of the ship Tythonus.

Bombay, 9th February 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per Ship FLEUR DE LIS, from Liverpool, are requested to SEND OFF BOATS alongside immediately for their respective goods as they come to hand, failing which they will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Captain Thomson will not be responsible for the contents or condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

REMINGTON & Co.,
Agents for the ship Fleur de Lis.

7th February 1870.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION WITH ENGLAND.

On Saturday, the 19th February, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. CANDIA, (1,982 tons, and 450 H. P.) Captain W. Blake, will LEAVE FOR SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Genoa, Barcelona and Havre, Liverpool, or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 11 A.M. on Friday, the 18th instant.

The P. & O. S. N. Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through E ypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels, employed for this purpose.

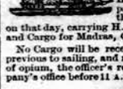
Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, for the convenience of Passengers at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay,
14th February 1870.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.



THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. SALSETTE, (1,491 tons, and 400 H. P.,) Captain J. E. Bulow, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 4th February, leaving Mazagon at noon on that day, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any claim of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on the Wednesday, the 16th instant.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay,
14th February 1870.

STEAM SHIP GUNGA having arrived with CARGO ex LUXOR, 1st January, and SESOSTRIS, 8th January, from Liverpool, Consignees are requested to present Bills of Lading at the Office of the undersigned, and take delivery of their Goods at the Borce Bunder.

Bombay, 15th February 1870. STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per ship JOSAWUR, from Calcutta, are requested to send BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Wingate without further intimation at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 15th February 1870.

TO LET, ROOMS on the 3rd Floor, Block No. 4, Elphinstone Circle, facing the Custom House, suitable for Offices and Private Dwellings. For further particulars apply to REMINGTON & Co.

Rs. 3 only.

GUIDE to CANDIDATES for the STAFF CORPS; by Captain Trotts.

"A work indispensable to all Probationers studying for the Examination."

To be obtained at Messrs THACKER, VINING, & Co., Bombay.
" " " CHESSON and WOODHALL, } Poona
" " " FELL and SONS,

WANTED, an OVERSEER to supervise Masonry and Earthworks. He must also be able to Survey and take Levels accurately. Apply by letter to the Local Funds Engineer, Nassick, forwarding copies of Testimonials, and stating Salary required.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.—OIL.—TENDERS are invited for the supply of COCOANUT and CASTOR OIL required by the Company for twelve months from the 1st day of April next. To be delivered from time to time in such quantities as may be ordered; the average monthly consumption being about thirty tons of each description.

Sealed tenders to be endorsed "Tender for Oil," and which must specify the rate per cwt. (including all charges) delivered at the Stores Depot, Byculla, will be received by the Agent at the Company's Office, Elphinstone Circle, up to noon on WEDNESDAY the 16th day of March next.

A sample bottle of Oil must accompany each tender.

A deposit of Rs. 2,000 (to be returned to those whose offers are not accepted) must be made by each person tendering, and the persons whose tenders shall be accepted will be required to enter into a Contract, and find such further security for the due fulfilment thereof as the Company may demand.

The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

W. WARDEN MORICE, Storekeeper.

Byculla Stores Office, 14th February 1870.

BO NEVIALLE AND SIBILLE' WINE AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENCY,
1 Oak Lane, Fort.

Bordeaux (a sound Breakfast Wine	per doz.	qts	Rs. 8 0
Do	"	qts	" 9 0
Do (old)	"	qts	" 10 8
Do do	"	pts	" 6 8
St. Estephe Medoc (recommended)	"	qts	" 12 0
St. Julien do	"	qts	" 13 0
Do do	"	pts	" 7 8
High Wines from		Rs. 14 to	30 0
Sherries from		" 16 to	24 0

BRANDY.

Hennessy's 3 Stars * * *	per doz.	Rs. 30 0
Do do * * *	"	" 25 0
Do do *	"	" 22 0
Martell's	"	" 23 0

CHAMPAGNE.

Champagne Mannel & Co., Rheims, opened by a new system patented		qts	" 30 0
Do do do		pts	" 16 0
Old Tom (Swaine & Bords)		pts	" 16 0
Whisky (Irish)		pts	" 15 8
Maraschino		pts	" 18 0

BEER.

Bass's Beer, Bottled by Stone	per doz.	qts	Rs. 6 0
Do do do	"	pts	" 4 0
Tennents Beer, 1st quality	"	qts	" 5 0
Do do do	"	pts	" 3 4

PORTER.

Tennent's Porter	per doz.	qts	Rs. 5 0
Do do	"	pts	" 3 4
Vermouth Nolly Frat	"	qts	" 15 0
Do do	"	pts	" 8 4

Bills paid within one month of delivery will be considered as Cash Payment, and we shall allow 2 per cent. discount.

We guarantee the quality of the above Wines, and Spirits and agree to take back any of our Goods not suiting the buyer.

All orders from up-country for Gilman Stores, Tobacco, Cigars (Havannah), Olive Oil, will be promptly attended to.

Price List on Application.

BREAKFAST CLARET.

If anything, money is too easily found here for colossal and novel schemes. The great danger is [illegible] and that Shippers had either miscalled or misunderstood [illegible]

The Company's Capital PETIT MEDOC .....Qts. 11 0 12 8

JUST LANDED BY

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

WILLS' TOBACCOS.

BIRDS' EYE, CUT CAVENDISH,
LATAKIA, SMOKING MIXTURE,

RECEIVED BY LAST MAIL.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL, GRANT ROAD.

Sole Lessee .....Mr. DAVE CARSON.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!! TO-NIGHT!!!

ARE YOU GOING? I AM!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHY,
SIR,—DAVE CARSON'S K—NIGHT OF MINSTRELSY
TAKES PLACE THIS EVENING,
WEDNESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 1870.

AN ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME,
INTRODUCING
QUIZZICAL QUIPS,
BEAUTIFUL BALLADS,
LOCAL LAYS (NOT *HENS*),
SMART SAYINGS,
JOLLY JOKES,
MUSICAL MEDLEYS,
VIOLIN VARIETIES,
STUNNING SONGS
AND
SPECTRE SPOUSES.

By particular request, those animated pumps,
THE BAND OF BROTHERS,
Will straggle on, and—*off*.

For the first time in four years,
DAVE CARSON
Will appear in his original and inimitable Character
OF THE
INTELLIGENT YOUTH.

SCAN THE PROGRAMME.

Part First.

Mrs. DAVE CARSON
WILL PRESIDE AT THE PIANOFORTE.

Overture (Lagandbrandy) .....Full Band.
Opening Chorus (Drive Dull care away) .....Company.
Meet me in the Lane.....Mr. S. Herberte,
Riding in a Railroad Car.....Mr. O. Deering.
Beneath the Weeping Willow .....Mr. W. Burton.
Just before the Battle, Mother .....Mr. S. Herberte.

Part First will conclude with a description of
BONES'S COURTSHIP,
BY
DAVE CARSON.

OVERTURE.....Orchestra

Part Second.

BALLAD—("The Smiles of Fleeting Friendship").. F. Buckley.
Mr. W. BURTON.

ROMANZA .....Donizetti.
Mrs. DAVE CARSON.

THOSE MISANTHROPICAL GALOOTS,
THE BAND OF BROTHERS,
will appear and *dis*-appear.

FANTASIE VIOLIN.....Souvenir de Bellini.
Mons. SEMELADIS.

Part Second will conclude with the
INTELLIGENT YOUTH,
BY
DAVE CARSON.

OVERTURE.....Orchestra.

The Evening's Entertainment will terminate with the laughable Farce, entitled,

THE SPECTRE BRIDEGROOM.

Mr. Nicodemus .....Mr. W. South.
Squire Aldwinkle .....Mr. H. Richardson.
Captain Vauntington.....Mr. F. H. Pollock.
Digory .....Mr. E. D. Haygarth.
Paul .....Mr. O. Deering.
Georgiana .....Miss FANNY WISEMAN.
Lavinia .....Miss Waddy Deering.

The Curtain will rise at 9 o'clock precisely.

Reserved Seats may be secured at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.'s, where a plan of the Theatre can be seen.

Doors open at 8-15. Performance commences at 9 P.M.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, Feb. 17th, 1870,
THE DRAMATIC TROUPE
IN
COMEDY AND FARCE.

NOTICE.—FOUND near Mahaluxmee, this morning, a GOLD WATCH and CHAIN. The Owner may obtain the same on giving a description thereof to the undersigned, and paying the expenses incurred.

A. EDGINTON,
Deputy Commissioner of Police.

Mazagon, 15th February 1870.

CHAMBER of COMMERCE.—NOTICE.—A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CHAMBER of COMMERCE will be HELD at the Chamber Office THIS DAY, the 16th instant, at 12 noon, to vote an Address to HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the DUKE of EDINBURGH.

The attendance of Members is requested.

By order of the Committee,
JAMES TAYLOR, Secretary.

Bombay, Chamber of Commerce, 16th February 1870.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the EAST INDIA BANK (in Liquidation).

NOTICE is hereby given, that the MEETING of the Shareholders of the above-named Bank, advertized to take place TO-MORROW, the 16th February ins ant, has been, by order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Westropp POSTPONED.—Dated this 15th day of February 1870.

MANISTY & HURRELL,
Solicitors for the Liquidators.

NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that no person or persons having CLAIMS against Mr. or Mrs. GEORGE GRIFFITHS, Church Street, Mazagon, should send in their claim within three days from this date. The undersigned would not hold himself responsible for any debt that his wife, Virginia Griffiths, may contract after this date.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS.

Bombay, 15th February 1870.

THE DUKE of EDINBURGH.—THE LECTURE on the PEDIGREE of our ROYAL FAMILY, by the author of "Papinian," "The Worthies of Westmorland," &c., (Serjeant Atkinson), will be given at the FRAMJEE COWASJEE INSTITUTE, on THURSDAY, the 17th instant, at six P.M.

The proceeds are to be divided between the Bombay Diocesan Board of Education, The Alexandra and Bhau Dajee Girls' Schools. Tickets to be had at the Institute. Dr. Bhau Dajee, late High Sheriff of Bombay, in the chair.

Reserved Seats ..... One Rupee
Non-reserved ..... Eight Annas.

12th February 1870.

BANK of BOMBAY (in Liquidation).—NOTICE is hereby given, that a GENERAL MEETING of the Proprietors of the Bank of Bombay (in Liquidation) will be held in the Office of the New Bank of Bombay, in Elphinstone Circle, on MONDAY, the 28th day of February 1870, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a report of the progress made in the liquidation, with a statement of the position thereof.

W. RODGIE, Liquidator.

Bombay, 11th February 1870.

BANK of BOMBAY (in Liquidation).—NOTICE is to the PROPRIETORS of the BANK.—I hereby give NOTICE, that a SECOND DISTRIBUTION of the ASSETS of the BANK, at the rate of Rs. 25 per share, WILL BE PAYABLE on and after FRIDAY the 25th instant. All Certificates must be produced at the time of application for payment.

I also give Notice, that for purposes of convenience, the Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to the 25th instant, both days inclusive.

W. RODGIE, Liquidator.

Bombay, 10th February 1870.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY.

In the matter of Indian Companies' Act 1866, and of the BOMBAY and KATTIAWAR EXPANSION of GAS COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION (Limited).

LET all parties concerned attend at my Chambers, in the High Court, on MONDAY, the Twenty-first day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, on the hearing of an application on the part of the Liquidator of the Company, Dessiadas that a Call to the amount of Rupees Twenty per Share may be made on all the Contributories of the said Association.—Dated this Tenth day of February 1870.

C. SARGENT.

This Summons was taken out by Messrs. E. and F. Stanger Leathes, of Bombay, Attorneys for the said Liquidator.

NOTICE.—Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co will submit to PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, on Friday the twelve thousand combatants standing still for want of a few dozen trustworthy mule-drivers was a flagrant [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET flat.

CALCUTTA.—10TH FEBRUARY, 1870.

The following transactions were reported to-day:—
Government Securities—
5 per cents, at Rs. 95-8 and 95-4, 95-5,and 95-6, or Rs. 4-13 to 4-10 Discount.
Public Works 5 per cents., at 101-4.
5 per cents. of 1856-57, at Rs. 108-0 and 108-2.
6½ per cents, some large amounts, at Rs. 112-12.
3 years' Debentures, at Rs 105-12.
15 years' Debentures, at Rs. 108-6.
Bank shares—
Bank of Bengal shares, at Rs. 1,415 and 1,408½, and single shares at Rs. 1,420.
National Bank shares, at Rs. 133½
Landing and Shipping Co.'s shares, at Rs. 25.—*Englishman.*

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 15.

Playfair, Colonel, Royal Engineers, on duty, from Baroda.
Clarke, Captain, 19th Hussars, on duty, from England.
Chapman, Captain, 19th Hussars, on duty, from Deolalee.
Coop, Captain, Royal Artillery, on medical certificate from Neemuch.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 14.

Harrison, Ensign, 40th Regiment, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Tapp, Major-General, Commanding N. D. Army, on leave, to Ahmedabad.
Bridge, Captain, 21st Fusiliers, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Walsh, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Department, on duty, to Calcutta.
Jayaker, Assistant Surgeon, Bombay Medical Department, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Bailey, Lieutenant, 11th Regiment, on duty, to Mooar.
Turner, Lieutenant, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, to Deolalee.
Candy, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, to Kirkee.
Beale, Brigadier General, on duty, to Ahmednuggur.
Greig, Captain, Royal Engineers, on leave, to Carwar.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Calcutta, 2nd February 1870.

The appointment of Lieutenant C. F. Powell, of the 96th Foot, to be 2nd Wing Subaltern in the 20th Native Infantry, is cancelled. Dated 21st January 1870.

Major C. C. Ekine, Staff Corps, recently returned from furlough to Europe, is posted to Meean Meer, for general duty.

Major S. D. White, Staff Corps, is transferred from Mooar to Agra, for general duty.

Major H. D. Battye, Staff Corps, recently returned from sick leave to Europe, is posted to Umballa, for general duty.

Captain L. Wawell, Staff Corps, recently returned from furlough to Europe, is posted to the 16th Native Infantry, at Moradabad, for duty.

Under instructions from the Home authorities, Captain O. H. A. Nicolls, Royal Artillery, is directed to proceed to England, to join the Staff College.

Captain Nicolls will, on arrival, report himself to the Deputy Adjutant General Royal Artillery, Horse Guards.

Lieutenant V. P. Byrne, 77th Foot, 2nd Wing Subaltern 16th Native Infantry, a probationer for the Bengal Staff Corps, having failed to pass the Higher Standard examination in the native languages within the prescribed period, is directed to rejoin his own regiment.

The fifteen days' preparatory leave granted to Major R. C. Whiting, 8 ff Corps, 2nd in Command 11th Native Infantry, by G. O. C. C. of the 8th ultimo, is cancelled at that officer's request.

The six months' leave to England, on private affairs, granted to Captain J. G. Campbell, 104th Foot, by G. O. C. C. 18th September 1869, is cancelled at that officer's request.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—
29th Hussars.—Brigadier General H. J. Stainbus, C.B., Commanding at Agra, to Bombay, from the 1st to the 31st March next, to appear before a medical board.
Royal Artillery.—Captain R. A. Stevenson, A Battery 18th Brigade, to England, per troop ship, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.
Lieutenant T. Carr, B Battery 8th Brigade, to England, per troop ship, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.
Royal Madras Artillery.—Captain C. R. Watson, No 6 Battery 20th Brigade, to England, overland, via Bombay, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.
25th Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Major and Local Lieutenant Colonel G. Bend, to England, on private affairs, for fifteen months, from date of embarkation.
26th Foot.—Surgeon Major T. Moorhead, M.D., to England, overland, via Bombay, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.
33th Foot.—Ensign A. DeV. Alexander, from the 21st January to the 21st March, to enable him to join his regiment, on first appointment.
96th Foot.—Lieutenant A. D. Broughton, to England, via the Cape, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.
107th Foot.—Captain and Local Major C. M. N. Fellowes, to England, via the Cape, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.
Rifle Brigade, 3 d Battalion.—Lieutenant H. A. Dilion, to England, per troop ship, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.
Staff Corps.—Lieutenant C. D. Rundall, Quartermaster 19th Native Infantry, to Delhi and Calcutta, from the 31st January to the 31st July, on medical certificate, under the rules of 1868.
Bengal Infantry.—Lieutenant Colonel C. Need, doing general duty at Lucknow, to remain at Calcutta, from the 26th December to the 7th January, on private affairs, and to enable him to join his station Lucknow, under the furlough rules of 1868.
Late 1st European Bengal Light Cavalry.—Major G. A. Galloway, to remain at the Presidency, on private affairs, under the rules of 1868, for two months, from the 1st January, or date of the G. O. C. C. posting him for general duty to Mooar.
Medical Department.—Surgeon Major C. K. Webb, 15th Native Infantry, from the 7th January 1870 to the 7th January 1871, under the rules of 1868, to remain at Mount Pindee and the hills north of Lahore, on medical certificate, and to proceed to the Presidency preparatory to retirement.

Head Quarters, Calcutta, 4th February 1870.

The Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to make the following appointment, subject to approval by His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief:—
107th Foot.—Lieutenant W. M. Playfair to be Inspector of Musketry, vice Franks, promoted. Dated 17th December 1869.

The Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to make the following promotions, subject to approval by Her Majesty:—
33d Foot.—Ensign George L. R. Richardson to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Stillwell, appointed a probationer for the Staff Corps. Dated 24th January 1870.
Ensign Arthur C. G. Lydiard to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Richardson, a probationer for the Staff Corps. Dated 24th January 1870.
Ensign William Frederick Rudman to be Adjutant, with the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 24th January 1870.
Ensign William Thomson Cauley to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Lydiard, a probationer for the Staff Corps. Dated 24th January 1870.
Ensign Philip K. Doyne to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Rudman, appointed Adjutant. Dated 24th January 1870.

The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to make the following appointments:—
2nd Native Infantry.—Captain F. W. Williams, General List, Infantry, is permitted to retain the officiating Adjutancy, on promotion to Captain, as a special case. Dated 24th January 1870.
4th Native Infantry.—Captain H. E. Eliot, Quartermaster, is permitted to retain the appointment, on promotion to Captain Dated 21st January 1870
17th Native Infantry.—Lieutenant G. Bruton, 1st Battalion 11th Foot, a candidate for the Staff Corps, to be 1st Wing Subaltern, on probation, vice Barr, appointed Quartermaster. Dated 24th January 1870.
28th Native Infantry.—Lieutenant T. L. Lewis, 1st Battalion 11th Foot, a candidate for the Staff Corps, to be 1st Wing Subaltern, on probation, vice Hepburn, appointed Quartermaster Dated 24th January 1870.
29th Native Infantry.—Captain H. W. Webster is permitted to resign the Adjutancy of the regiment. Dated 21st January 1870.
Captain H. W Webster, Staff Corps, to officiate as Wing Officer, vice Campbell, officiating 2nd in Command. Dated 21st January 1870.
38th Native Infantry.—Captain H. L. A. Tottenham, Staff Corps, to be Wing Officer, vice Baker, appointed Brigade Major; and to continue to officiate as 2nd in Command. Dated 21st January 1870.
39th Native Infantry.—Captain A. Harrison is permitted to resign the post of Adjutant, and is appointed to officiate as Wing Officer, vice Gellie, on furlough. Dated 27th January 1870.
44th Native Infantry.—Lieutenant J. H. Bourne, 77th Foot, a candidate for the Staff Corps, to be 2nd Wing Subaltern, on probation, vice Broughton, promoted to a Majority. Dated 24th January 1870
45th Native Infantry.—Lieutenant T. F. Stillwell, 38th Foot, a candidate for the Staff Corps, to be 1st Wing Subaltern, on probation, vice Wilmer, appointed Adjutant to the 13th Native Infantry. Dated 21st January 1870.

The Commander-in-Chief in India accepts the retirement from the service, by the sale of his commission, of Ensign Sir Charles G. de Crespigny, 2nd Battalion 60th Rifles, subject to approval by Her Majesty. Dated 25th January 1870.

The Commander-in-Chief in India accepts the resignation of his commission by Lieutenant Francis Dallas Harding, of the 19th Hussars, subject to approval by Her Majesty. Dated 25th January 1870.

Colonel F. T. Wroughton, C.B., Bengal Infantry, recently returned from sick leave to Australia, is posted to Berhampore for duty.

This cancels G. O. C. C. dated 13th ultimo, posting Colonel Wroughton to Allahabad for general duty.)

Colonel F. W. Drummond, of the Bengal Cavalry, is transferred from Allahabad to Lucknow, for general duty.

The undermentioned candidates, who appeared for examination in the native languages before the last half-yearly committees on the 10th ultimo, are reported by the board of examiners at Fort William, to have passed the Higher Standard in Hindoostanee, agreeably to G. G. O. No. 734 of 1864:—
Cornet G. G. Dawes, 4th Hussars.
Lieutenant G. R. Elles, Royal Artillery
Lieutenant F. C. Clarke, Royal Artillery.
Lieutenant B. C. Greaves, Royal Artillery.
Lieutenant M. S. Bell, Royal Engineers.
Lieutenant C. Egan, 2nd Wing Subaltern 33rd Native Infantry, 1st Bn. 11th Foot.
Lieutenant W. B. Hardesty, 1st Bat. 11th Foot.
Lieutenant F. R. Beghie, 2nd Wing Subaltern 1st Sikh Infantry, 37th Foot.
Ensign J. P. C. Neville, 57th Foot.
Ensign G. L. R. Richards n, 2nd Squadron Subaltern 9th Bengal Cavalry, 28th Foot.
Ensign A. J. Brander, 2nd Bn. 60th Foot.]
Ensign J. M. W. Von Beverhoudt, 2nd Wing Subaltern 27th N. I., 90th Foot.
Lieutenant D. E. Gouldsbury, 2nd Wing Subaltern 37th Native Infantry, 105th Foot.
Ensign A. J. F. Reid, 109th.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—
Royal Horse Artillery.—2nd Captain W. G. Martin, E Battery A Brigade, to Bombay, from the 14th January to the 28th February, on medical certificate.
Royal Artillery.—Captain Hubert LeCocq, F Battery 18th Brigade, to England, on private affairs, for fifteen months, from date of embarkation.
Lieutenant R. H. F. Renwick, 1st Wing Subaltern 2nd Native Infantry, to Bombay, from the 1st February to the 1st March, to appear before a medical board.
58th Foot.—Ensign R. L. Arathoon, to Bangalore, from the 26th December 1869 to the 25th March next, on medical certificate.
Ensign A. W. C. Bell, from the 5th to the 16th January is extension, to enable him to rejoin the regiment.
104th Foot.—Captain F. Baines, to Bombay, for one month, from date of leaving regiment, preparatory to embarkation for Europe on private affairs.
Staff Corps.—Lieutenant Colonel S. J. Hire, Assistant Adjutant General, Sirhind Division, to Bombay, from the 22nd February to the 20th March next, preparatory to embarkation for Europe on leave.
Lieutenant Colonel C. R. Pelliser, Commandant 10th Bengal Cavalry, from the 23rd to the 24th January, in extension of preparatory leave, published at page 9 of G. O. C. C. 1870.
Brevet Lieutenant Colonel C. C Johnson, officiating Deputy Quartermaster General, to Bombay, for one month from date of availing himself of it, preparatory to furlough to Europe on private affairs.
Lieutenant C. Garsia, Aide-de-Camp to Major General Haly, C.B., to Bombay, for one month from the 15th February, to appear before a medical board, under the rules of 1868
16th Bengal Cavalry.—Surgeon J. C. Morice, to Murree, from the 3rd August to the 15th October 1869, on medical certificate, in extension of privilege leave.
[This cancels the leave published in G. O. C. C. of the 18th September 1869, p. 423.]
General List, In antry.—Lieutenant B. H. Russell, 2nd Squadron Subaltern 13th Bengal Cavalry, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regiment, to appear before a medical board.
[This cancels the leave granted at p. 9 of G. O. C. C. 1870.]
Retired List.—Major R. O. H. Forbes, from the 20th November 1868 to the 9th April 1869, on private affairs.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
12	Aurora	Ronaldson	Sunderland, Oct. 6.
15	Futteh Lilla	Nacoda	Bussorah, Dec. 27.
	Jorawur	Wingate	Calcutta, Jan. 20.
	Gunga (s)	Child	Suez, Feb. 1.
	Enea (s)	Babot	Hongkong.
	Calypso (s)	Cole	Newcastle, Jan. 5.
	H. M. S. Euphrates.	——	Suez.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
15	Thomas Stowe	Sexton	Bordeaux via Cochin.
	Arabia (s)	Sanders	Malabar Coast and Calcutta.
	Queen of the South (s)	Heather	Liverpool.

The ship Fifshire, Barr, to Cocoanda, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The following vessels began to load yesterday—
Steamer Shepperton, to Havre via Suez Canal.
Steamer Gunga, to Aden and Juddah.

BENGAL.

The Telegraph of February 10 has the following:—
DEPARTURES.—Steamer Oriental, Ship Genii, Jane Porter, and Atiet Rohoman.

MADRAS.

ARRIVE.—February 10, Welvrein, J. W. Munday, Melbourne.
DEPARTURE.—February 10th, Lena, —— Pondicherry.

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3. La Charita, (Ladies' Chorus) .... Rossini.
4. Selections from "La Traviata," for Piano. Ascher.
5. L'air de Joseph (Baritone Solo) ..... Mohul.

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DEATH.

BLAIN—February 12th, at Bandora, George Blain, Esq., aged 27 years.

BENGAL.

BIRTH.

WICKES—February 5th, at Berhampore, the wife of T. H. Wickes, Esq., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

PARTRIDGE—HARRISON—February 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Fort William, by the Rev H. J. Mathews, M.A., Garrison Chaplain, Theodore D'Orville Partridge, Esq., Civil Surgeon, Burise to Eva, eldest daughter of E.M. Harrison, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, London.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTH.

KINCAID—February 8th, at Indore, the wife of Major Kincaid, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

JACKSON—BAILEY—February 9th, at St. Mary's Church, Shahjehanpore, by the Rev. R. Sharp, W. Jackson, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, to Alice, daughter of the late C. Drummond Bailey, Esq., J. P. for the county of Somerset.
LARSEN—BICKERS.—February 1st, at Christ's Church, Lucknow, by the Rev. F. W. Ellis, M.A., John Albert Larsen, Bank of Bengal, to Winifred Ellen, eldest daughter of Edward Bickers, Esq., Oude Commission.

The Bombay Gazette.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1870.

It is credibly reported that the Government of India have called for information from the local authorities as to the nature of the taxes levied for municipal purposes in towns where municipal management prevails. Enquiries have also lately been set on foot in various localities to ascertain the number of shroffs or petty bankers and usurers, and the incomes they derive from the exercise of their trade. All this tends to show that the financial authorities are casting about them for the ways and means whereby to prevent future deficits. Under present circumstances, when some of the lower grades of the Government servants, among others we regret to have to say the Police, are reduced to starvation point, it is prudent to enquire who is taxed and who is not, with a view to a fair distribution of the burdens of the State; but as there are two ways in which those burdens may be borne, namely, by direct payment of taxes to be paid into the imperial treasury, and by payment of taxes for local purposes in proportion to the value of which that treasury may be relieved of expenditure for such purposes, it would be as well if the object of the enquiries alluded to were avowed.

We have lately had occasion several times to call public attention to the necessity, becoming day by day more apparent, of meeting Indian deficits by the imposition of local taxation for local purposes, and shall not neglect to keep the subject before our readers, although, perhaps, those in our presidency town itself may not be slow to retort upon us that there is no fear of their forgetting the practical application of the theory. Past experience has proved that our rulers have not always been wise enough in their generation to understand that it is almost as great a financial blunder to administer a good tax badly as to impose a bad tax. When it was supposed possible that English gentlemen, men above all others almost ridiculously careful not to meddle with their neighbours' affairs, could, even with the assistance of native subordinates, make sufficiently searching enquiries into the concerns of the probably most retentive race in the world to enable them to assess a general income-tax, the farce of centralised bureaucracy could hardly further go. But what has been may be again, and there is no knowing whether the next, or for all that the present, Finance Minister (with visions of a future Chancellorship of the Exchequer floating before his self-satisfied brain) may not decree an imperial tax on the exchange value of copper coins or a percentage on the profits of the retail sale of ghee and bummelows. We may be, and trust that we are, mistaken, and that enquiries are merely in progress to test the practicability of the change in our financial system foreshadowed in Mr. Strachey's late admirable speech on the subject, the relief of the imperial exchequer from all burdens borne in all civilised countries locally, and the imposition of local taxation to support them. But even should such be the case, we see danger in the very method of enquiry adopted. Would not a simple question as to whether local taxation could be carried out to the necessary extent have been sufficient to satisfy our masters on the other side of India? Can it possibly be in contemplation with the introduction of a much-needed reform to fetter the action of the local Governments as to the manner of carrying it into effect? It is not an uncommon idea among the statesmen of Calcutta to think that every method of administration not framed on the model to which they have been accustomed must be wrong, and it may be that we are not to be trusted as yet out of the leading strings on which we have perforce leaned so long, not without sundry vigorous attempts to kick over them. It needs no great prophet to foretell the failure of any system of local taxation devised otherwise than by those personally concerned in making it answer. If it were possible to point out one object more suitable for taxation for municipal or local purposes than another, it would probably be a house tax. It is the tax first of all thought of in framing schedules for taxation on the introduction of municipal management in a town throughout the Deccan and Concan, but yet every attempt to introduce it into Goozerat has met with the most determined opposition on the part of the people themselves, for reasons best known to themselves, but probably satisfactory. When a tax like this is found to be unsuited to some parts of the county, is it at all probable that any system elaborated for the taxation of 150 millions of people by a few gentlemen sitting at a board in Calcutta will meet with anything but failure? Let us not add this to our long list of centralising blunders.

Why is it that the officers of the Indian Artillery and Engineers have been selected by the Government as vile bodies upon which to make experiments in unfairness? In another column we print a letter from "Fair Play" complaining of a local grievance. Three Artillery officers have been set aside and an Infantry officer pushed before them into a brigade command. Nobody has attempted to defend this peculiar use of patronage, and we conclude that it is indefensible. The really remarkable thing is that the Artillery officers are expected, not only to bear exclusion when it is fair, which they are ready to do, but to acquiesce in that fate when, by a reasonable application of the rule, some of the prizes would fall to their share. Had the officer promoted been a man of great distinction no one would have said a word; and, if it is urged that fortune denied him the opportunity of proving his abilities, we can only reply that she has withheld her favours also from scores of other officers. The inequality, so marked, is the characteristic of every profession; but we never heard that want of distinction was a qualification, while it has always been held that distinguished service was a title-deed to promotion. We do not understand why officers of the scientific corps are regarded as unfit for high command. Napoleon was a gunner; Lord Napier of Magdala was an Engineer—the first who, in the British Army, ever commanded an independent force out of India. This very fact shows what notions have been in the ascendant at home. Until some justification of Colonel Beale's promotion is put forward, we shall believe that one of the superseded Colonels should have had the brigade. It would be sufficient justification that, looking to impending reductions, they had refused it; but there is no ground for supposing that the command had been offered to any one of them. If they refused it, let the fact be stated.

But the officers of the two scientific branches have larger grievances than this. We have before us two petitions and one memorial, showing how unfairly the Government has behaved. The drift of their complaints is that by the operation of existing rules they are denied advantages which are showered in profusion upon their former comrades, who took service under conditions which were common to all. Colonels' allowances were obtained from death vacancies or retirements for all alike; lower pensions were granted for lengths of service, but no distinction whatever was made between the different arms, each having exactly the same advantages. But the Legislation and regulations of the period subsequent to the Mutiny of a mismanaged army, have created diversities which are without the warrant of reason or right. All officers of the Cavalry, Infantry, and Staff Corps obtain £1,124 per annum practically after thirty eight years' service, but the Artillery and Engineer officers of the Indian service are fobbed off with a pension of £750 at the end of the same period; when they take it, they relinquish the army altogether, while the other officers retain their places. But this does not represent the full amount of the injustice carefully and skilfully prepared for the class we refer to. The Cavalry, Infantry, and Staff Corps receive the larger sum at the end of thirty-eight years, no matter what amount of leave they may have enjoyed. Not so the men who are in the position of the aggrieved officers. While leave counts for their comrades, *they* have to make good, by additional service, every period spent on furlough in excess of four years. Why these inequalities? What purpose do they serve, save that of keeping rupees in the Treasury, committing injustice, and provoking warrantable discontent? Why also select the Artillery and Engineers for the experiment? Are their arms regarded as inferior? The pretext that those who volunteered for general service have ceased to belong to the Indian Army is a mere pretext, an excuse to get out of a difficulty; for an artilleryman declares that his regiment has only been assimilated to but never consolidated with the Royal Artillery; that his service is still, and must be for many years, exclusively Indian; that he retains a number of privileges solely because he is an Indian officer; and with these facts staring him in the face he naturally cannot imagine why he is held to have cut adrift altogether from the Indian Army. The punishment meted out to the Artillery man who took general service, is also inflicted on the Engineer who declined to take it, and no reason for excluding him subsists at all. Surely it is unwise in a great Government to create these distinctions at the expense alike of policy and justice. But Amalgamation was a stupendous blunder, and its ultimate, as well as incidental, fruits must be injustice and calamity.

At noon yesterday the position of the Great Eastern was lat. 18° 35' N., long. 71° 11' E. giving a run of 96 miles. All was well on board.

LIEUT.-A. M. HOGG, Bombay Staff Corps, has obtained furlough to Europe for two years, on medical certificate, under rule 15 of the furlough regulations of 1868.

MAJOR W. B. PRESTON, Bombay Staff Corps, has been allowed furlough to Europe for six months from the 19th inst., on private affairs, under rule 11 of the furlough regulations of 1868.

We hear that a troop of the 15th King's Hussars and two guns from the Horse Artillery, stationed at Mhow, are under orders to proceed, as a detachment to Indore, to relieve the detachment of the 95th now at the latter station.

BABOO KESHUB CHUNDER SEN was to leave Calcutta for England on Tuesday last accompanied by the following Bengali gentlemen, five of whom are Brahmos:—Baboo Ananda Mohun Basu, M. A., holder of the Premchund Roychund studentship, who, with Baboo Rakhal Chundra Ray, will study for the Bar; Baboos Kristo Dhone Ghose and Gopal Chundra Ray, who intend to prepare themselves for the Civil Service Examination; Baboo Durga Kant Ray, who is desirous of entering the Indian Medical service; and lastly Baboo Prassanna Kumar Sen.

THE 95th Regiment, now stationed at Mhow, is under orders to march to Khandwa as soon as carriage can be procured and then take rail to Bombay—when five companies and head quarters will be stationed at Colaba, a detachment of three companies sent to Poona and two companies to Asseerghur. As the embarkation of the 19th regiment for England this trooping season has been countermanded, we presume that this arrangement is preparatory to their embarking early in the month of October next by the Overland route; but it is not fair to the corps to thus break it up into distant detachments on the eve of its departure from India, and sending it to Poona, to relieve the 59th, would be a far preferable arrangement. The 95th would march from Mhow on the 28th February, and may be expected at Bombay about the 9th March.

PASSENGERS FROM SUEZ.

APPENDED is a list of passengers who have arrived per s.s. Gunga, Captain Child, from Suez and Aden:—
Mr Wilson, Mr Nash, Mr Minahan, Mr Hobbes, Mr Pyne, Mr Rippon, Mr Toothill, Mr Sargison, Mr and Mrs Young and infant, Mrs Sale, Mr Brown, and Rev H Glasson, and sixteen deck passengers.

Landed at Aden:—
Mr Oxtow, Mr Mance, Mr Perkins, Mr Thacker, Mr J H Wilson, Mr Cope, Mr McLaren, Mr Rogerson, Mr H T Wright, Mr Loft, Mr Stonestreet, Mr Guidera, and Mr Fladgate, Telegraph establishments.

The Gunga left Suez at 8-30 P.M. on 31st January, and Aden at 1-30 P.M. on the 8th instant. On the 11th inst. she passed the troop-ship Euphrates. The Gunga arrived at 10-45 A.M. yesterday.

REVIEWS.

WORD GOSSIP. By the Rev. W. L. Blackley. London: Longmans, 1869.

THIS little volume contains a series of essays reprinted from the Churchman's Shilling Magazine. With the exception of a few good derivations of some out-of-the-way English words which might occupy a dozen pages, the book should never have appeared. It is astonishing that any one could think of dragging into daylight and out of its obscure and congenial repository such a matchless mass of twaddle; or how such stuff could be deemed "Gossip" by any possible reader, lay or clerical—except perhaps by a cemetery chaplain or an undertaker—in which the native dullness is aggravated by ghastly attempts at being funny.

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS. By Sir Francis B. Head, Bart. London: J. Murray, 1869.

In his dedication Sir Francis says—"To the British Army, this volume, showing the necessity of enlisting, as its future guide to victory, both in attack and defence, Science, is respectfully, by an old retired comrade, dedicated"; and throughout the volume, with unflagging enthusiasm, and much clearness of intention marred by many grotesque parenthetical freaks of expression he pursues his theme of the training, achievements and glory of the Royal Engineers. A year ago the author thought "The Abyssinian campaign had clearly proved to all nations for their future guidance the beneficial and a beneficent results of the union, or Belle-alliance, in the head of one commander of those innumerable branches of modern science—civil as well as military—which now constitute *the Art of War.*" "Having thus demonstrated to his own satisfaction" that our army, especially for defence, must henceforward submit to be directed by a man of science;" but finding that the English public, generally speaking, really do not know what military science is, Sir Francis "resolved to apply for official permission to ascertain, and to make known, as accurately as I could measure it, how much or how little of that article we possess." The result is a visit to the schoolrooms, workshops and practising grounds at Chatham; where "for four days, of eight hours each, and for three hours of the fifth day" the author "was intently occupied in the duty he had undertaken." It is for the three years since Sir Francis Head retired from his engineering in the Engineers; and it may well be thought that in that interval the training and work of the corps have grown out of all recognition by one who for four days renews his acquaintance with it in his seventy-sixth year. Yet the author must be allowed the merit of having produced a very useful and even valuable book, which, from the opportunities and sources of information at his command, may be considered a complete text book of the duties and capabilities of what some consider the foremost branch of the service. On the leading idea of the book we entirely agree with Sir Francis—as to the importance of the Engineers—both as to the training and work of officers and men alike; though in the conduct of a war the Abyssinian expedition proved nothing that was not demonstrated before by the Prussians, Americans and even by the Russians in the Crimea, That we have learned nothing from these sources is abundantly proved by the fact that the best portion of the Engineers are kept dawdling over an Ordnance Survey which will never be completed, and also by the constitution of the Volunteer Engineers which though maintained for purposes of defence are destitute of the slightest practice or skill in any element of defensive warfare. It is of no use whatever to argue that the evil will be remedied by putting the command in chief in the hands of an Engineer offic ; for such a step can only make the radical defect of our military system more glaring—as was the case in our author's pet Abyssinian Expedition—by incurring an enormous expense and wastefulness through the incapacity of all parts of an army to co-operate in the work undertaken by the general. Strikes, quarrels, and idleness are a poor training for men of the line who ought to be able to perform with ease all engineering operations when need requires; and we fear that in such a case the skill of officers would not enable them to do their part to any better purpose. In fact we do not want a corps but an army of engineers—not a scientific general in command but an entire body of officers thoroughly trained in the requirements of the modern art of war—in short a total re-organization of the service such as alone can fit it to defend the great interests committed to its keeping.

In this view of the question the whole of Chatham and its concernments appear utterly contemptible; it is only as a saving point in things as they were—as a germ which may with due nurture be developed—that the system of training there pursued becomes interesting. The ample notes and unfailing garrulity of the author supply a wonderfully complete view of what is done at Chatham from the firing of torpedos, the construction of earthworks and pontoons and other great works, both on land and water, down to the antics and regimental monkey—the conclusion derived from all which, and from a thousand other considerations, is that the Engineers hitherto have not had justice done to them, and that the recognition of their claims is the only means of securing our national power. The author sees, especially in the use of the breech-loading rifle, new hopes for the development of his favourite department. He says that it can distinctly be perceived—"First, that in future warfare cover, natural or artificial must be more sought for even by the Americans than heretofore, and that this gain on the side of *defence* against *attack* must render the Engineer service of greater importance. And secondly, that the French system of independent loose skirmishing order and subsequent rapid concentration, as opposed to the solid steady movements of British troops must, generally speaking, prevent the latter from resorting to their favourite weapon, the bayonet; and lastly, that in fields of battle the influence of cavalry and artillery must be greatly reduced." The Austrian army we are told which previous to the battle of Königsgrätz had been taught that concealment was cowardice, and that to rush with the bayonet against the enemy was courage, at this moment is being instructed, under the guidance of military science to take advantage of every inequality of ground and by every other artifice to seek shelter from the fire of the enemy. The Prussians are perhaps doing more in this way and the French, in practising field manœuvres in their instruction-camps at Chalons, are being taught the new art of war, and so alive are the troops to the necessity of sheltering themselves from the desolating fire of the new weapon that their infantry have already readily learnt how in a few hours, and almost in a few minutes, to obtain it, by throwing up a dwarf parapet just high enough to enable them when lying in its ditch on their stomachs to deliver fire without being exposed to it.

Sir Francis concludes with a scheme for the invasion of England and shows how easily the invaders may be engineered out of the country, adding these "remarks" to which no one can take exception:—"In future, wars must more or less be campaigns of defensive positions, and this point being assumed it is not difficult to jump to the conclusion that henceforward armies must be commanded by an Engineer general." The author explains, however, that his object is not to raise the Engineer above the officer of the line, but to induce the latter to rise, or rather the War Authorities who have depressed him, to raise him by education to his proper level which I readily admit is not merely to lead on his company or regiment but to command the army (including Engineers) of which they form the fighting majority. "All I submit," says the author, "and I believe I shall not submit it in vain, is that Engineer officers ought no longer, *on account of their education*, to be deemed incompetent to command an army in the field, or a garrison, or to undertake the whole duties of the Quarter-Master General's Department. That the nicknames by which they are at present publicly degraded in the Queen's Army List should be discontinued. And that the Engineers' Ordnance Survey should no longer be excluded from the Army List."

And though these are exceedingly tame and even paltry conclusions, there is much in the sentiment and general position of the writer that we like. Those interested in the corps of which he assumes the championship will thank Sir Francis for his plucky appeal in its favour; and all concerned in the defensive strength of England will derive instruction, and we hope satisfaction, from the perusal of his volume.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE GREAT EASTERN AND THE CHILTERN.

THE Great Eastern and the Chiltern, which so lately were a cause of excitement in easy going Bombay, have departed from these shores, and must now have got nearly 200 miles on their way to Aden. Early on Monday morning, both vessels had steam up ready to move off at once, and after taking on board a few gentlemen who were anxious to see the splicing process practically carried out, left their moorings a little before nine o'clock, the departure being announced both to people on shore and to those on board (for it was impossible to *feel* that the Great Eastern was moving) by the firing of four guns from the leviathan. Both vessels steamed out slowly, and were accompanied by a tug from Her Majesty's Dockyard and the dubash's boat. We were also glad to see at least one yacht, Mr. Crawford's "Sylph," convoying the vessels out for a considerable distance. Mr. Jolley, who brought in the Great Eastern, was on board to see that she was safely taken out again; and Mr. Corke, under whose superintendence the s. s. Chiltern was taken out to Back Bay on Monday last week for the purpose of laying the shore end, was again in charge of the same ship: having mentioned this it is almost unnecessary to add that both vessels were piloted out to the entire satisfaction of the officers of the ships. Mr. D. Cruikshank, agent of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, of course went out with the Great Eastern, and Brigadier General Stock, Captain Pryce, Master Attendant, Mrs. Pryce, and Captain Robinson, Superintendent of Marine, were also on board, besides several other gentlemen. Mr. Stacey, agent in Bombay of the British Indian Telegraph Company, and another party of gentlemen were on board the Chiltern. And it was for the purpose of having the Dockyard officials and all these visitors to the ships conveyed safely back to Bombay that the tug went out. The vessels went some distance out beyond the end of the South-West Prongs before altering their course northwards to the spot where the end of the section of cable already submerged was buoyed. His Excellency the Governor was expected to visit the Great Eastern and the Chiltern to see the splicing of the cable, and on the Great Eastern and Chiltern directing their course northwards, the s. s. May Frere, which had been lying off Malabar Point for the accommodation of His Excellency, was seen steaming out to meet the big ship. The Great Eastern and Chiltern steamed straight for the spot where the end of the cable was to be found, and the visitors were all on the look-out with their glasses trying to catch the first glimpse of the buo

BOMBAY.

CAPTAIN NEEDHAM, of the ship Romulus, reported to the police on Monday that on the voyage from Liverpool a second-class passenger named John Hill died on board, and was buried at sea.

SRI MANKESHWAR FAIR.—The annual festival in connection with the above fair comes off this evening, when there will be the usual display of fire-works, &c., in the garden of Mr. Hunsraj Karrumsey, Byculla, next to the Railway Bridge.

DEATH FROM DROWNING.—An adjourned inquest was held yesterday at the Coroner's office, Dhobee Talao, concerning the death of Sonabaee, a Hindoo woman, who was drowned on Sunday in a well at Parell village. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the circumstances.

ALIMONY.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday Hurjee Jeevan was charged before Mr. Connon, at the instance of his wife Cumberbaee, with refusing to support her. The Magistrate ordered the defendant to pay Rs. 30 as costs, and Rs. 15 per month for the maintenance of the prosecutrix.

A DISOBEDIENT SEAMAN.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday before the Chief Magistrate, Peter Walsh, a seaman of the ship Greyhound, was charged with wilful disobedience of lawful commands in refusing to do duty; and also with combining with others of the crew to disobey lawful commands and impede the navigation of the ship. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

SIR SALAR JUNG, K.C.S.I., and the Resident at Hyderabad, are expected to arrive in Bombay to-morrow. On their arrival salutes of seventeen guns for the Minister and of thirteen guns for the Resident will be fired from the saluting battery. Sir Salar Jung will, during his stay in Bombay, reside in Mr. Bomanjee Muncherjee Panthakie's bungalow at Girgaum, which has been tastefully decorated so as to render it a fit residence for the illustrious visitor.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.—Dr. Hewlett held an inquest yesterday at the Jamsetjee Hospital on the body of Canoo Yesseo, a muccadum employed at a steam flour mill at Duncan Road. On Friday afternoon the muccadum was engaged in putting flour between the rollers for the purpose of being kneaded when all of a sudden he cried out, his left hand being jammed between the rollers. He was soon conveyed to the hospital, where he died yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

MEETING OF SHIPMASTERS REGARDING RECEPTION OF THE DUKE.—A meeting of commanders of vessels in the harbour was to have been held yesterday at the Master Attendant's office to concert measures by which the mercantile shipping might best do honour to H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of his approaching visit to Bombay. It had not, however, been generally known amongst the shipmasters that the meeting was to be held, and there being a small attendance the meeting was adjourned till Thursday, when we hope there will be a good attendance.

A PEON IN TROUBLE.—Bhickoo Balajee, a peon employed in the Paper Currency Department, was yesterday placed before the Chief Magistrate, and charged with fraudulently misapplying in breach of trust Rs. 4 belonging to the Bombay Government. On the 7th inst. a Hindoo clerk in the establishment wrote a telegraphic message and told prisoner to get the money and pay for it and despatch it to the Assistant Commissioner Paper Currency Department, at Kurrachee. He received the money, but did not despatch the message as directed. The accused was adjudged guilty and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for four months.

MESSRS. ABECCO, HORDEN, AND GOULSTONE'S "STAR COMBINATION TROUPE" made their first appearance on Bombay boards in the new Victoria Theatre, Grant Road, on Monday night. Mr. Abecco sang "Happy be thy dreams," "Lays of many lands" (with a well executed accompaniment on the harp), "Our good ship sails to-night" (encored), and "Let us speak of a man as we find him." Other two songs were given by Professor Goulstone, who performed, also, what the programme called a "combination solo"—playing with his right hand the cornet, with his left the piano, and with his left foot a species of drum. The other parts of the programme were "comic songs" and dances by Miss Annie Hill.

WE are given to understand that Miss Carpenter begins her Model Girls' School on Monday next, the 21st inst., in Mr. Morarji Gokuldas' bungalow, Girgaum. We feel sure the school will be well attended, and expect to see papas bringing their little daughters on that Monday and assisting at the opening of the school.—*Indu Prakash.*

THE Government has, we gladly hear, decided upon establishing a jail in Broach which, since it has been made an independent district, will command every attention and sympathy on the part of Government. It was really a hardship and an expensive task to bring down Broach criminals to the Surat Jail, while the thinness of the police force rendered it a matter of some risk also. The stationing of a garrison will, of course, be a concomitant of this institution and that will be an additional source of security and assistance in time of need.—*Gujerat Mitra.*

THE case of libel which was brought against the printer and publisher of the *Deccan Herald* by Captain Kerr, V. C., which we stated in our issue of Saturday last, did not come off for hearing before Mr. E. T. Richardson, the City Magistrate, in consequence of the proprietor and printer of the *Deccan Herald* promising to tender an ample apology to Captain Kerr, for causing him annoyance, and accordingly the *Deccan Herald* of yesterday published the apology.—*Poona Observer*, Feb. 15.

ARRIVAL OF THE EUPHRATES.

H. M. S. INDIAN troop transport Euphrates arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon, bringing the officers and troops, the details of which we have already published.

THE BATTLE OF THE BANKS.

AT the High Court yesterday, before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Westropp and the Hon'ble Sir Charles Sargent, Mr. Green moved that the case of the Bank of Bombay vs. the Bank of Hindustan, China and Japan, which had been fixed for Thursday, be postponed until Friday next, as his learned friend the Advocate General would probably be engaged at the Criminal Sessions until that day. The application was not opposed, and was granted accordingly. Mr. Green mentioned that in the suit brought by the Bank of Bombay against the Asiatic Banking Corporation, the parties had come to an arrangement, under which the latter consented to the amount of the decree against it namely, Rs. 1,81,911, other points being open to appeal.

A SAILOR STABBED.

LAST week Mr. Nana Morojee, third Magistrate of Police, attended the European General Hospital, and took the following deposition of George Yenocopulus, a Greek seaman, who was stabbed with a knife by a shipmate named Julician:—I am a seaman, a Greek, and have been in Bombay since the Abyssinian Expedition I know Julican, who is now standing before me. I have known him for the last seven or eight months. He has been my shipmate. I was last employed as an able seaman on board the Golconda. Lately I came from board that ship on shore, and I have had my lodging in a room in Hunuman gulley where other Europeans also lived in my immediate neighbourhood and under the same roof. Seven days after I had come on shore, one night I had a talk with certain persons, Italians and others, in my room. We had a bottle of brandy, and after we had taken some of it, a certain Austrian, who was in the company, proposed to have a fight with me. Prisoner wanted to take a part in the fight. I told him that as he was sick, he should sit down on one side. Afterwards, that is, after I had a fair fight with the aforesaid Austrian, prisoner came from behind me, and with a knife stabbed me in my back. I bled profusely, and prisoner ran away. A countryman of mine took me to the police station at Dhobie Talao, where I gave information of what had occurred. When prisoner stabbed me, there was no one present except he and I; all other persons being inside. I have never been on bad terms with prisoner.

HIGH COURT DECREES.

IN the High Court yesterday before Sir Charles Sargent, Treecumdas Purshotumdass sued Dewjee Velljee and two others to recover Rs. 2,500 on a running account between the parties. Mr. Latham, instructed by Mr. Rimington, appeared for the plaintiff, and applied for a decree against one defendant only, the other two having filed their petitions for the benefit of the Act. Decree was given for the plaintiff for Rs. 2,500 with interest and costs, with an order for a speedy execution.

THE Commercial Bank Corporation (in liquidation) brought a suit against Dewes Withul Ookas to recover Rs. 24,000 due for a call on 240 shares in the plaintiffs' company. Mr. Alfred Swift, manager to the attorney for the official liquidator, proved the claim; and the Court entered judgment for plaintiffs for Rs. 24,000 and costs. Mr. Leith appeared for the plaintiffs.

MESSRS. LAWRENCE & Co. sued Dhunroop Sewnath to recover Rs. 2,865 due by defendant on cotton transactions. The Court entered judgment for the plaintiffs for the sum claimed and costs, with an order for a speedy execution. Mr. Macpherson appeared for the plaintiffs.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 15th, 11-4 A.M.—Cable communication perfect to Fao; Turkish line right to Pera; Persian line, interrupted beyond Ispahan. Latest dates from Great Britain via Turkey, 12th February, 10 P.M., via Russia, 3rd February, 11-45 P.M.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.

THE following dates of private telegrams were received at the Bombay Telegraph Office during the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday evening:—

United Kingdom, via Russia, 28th January.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 14th February to 8 P.M. of the 15th February is as follows:—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	2 54	0 7
" Calcutta	6 18	0 23
" Madras	5 31	1 40

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect.

Undelivered messages in the Bombay Signal Office—
Nursoo, Sudder Bazaar, from Nagpore.
Govuntha Tilloo, from Alleppey.
Bhimacharee Guigulee, from Dharwar.
Col. Trevelyan, 7th Hussars, from Meean Meer.
Lord Marcus Beresford, 7th Hussars, from Delhi.
Ramjee Rowjee, Chick Bunder, from Kurrachee.
Bashapa Bhoja, Moorasgett's Chal, Girgaum, from Belgaum.
Emigration Agent for Jamaica, from Galle.
Pamchund Oomed at Goachee Challee, from Deesa.
Church Missionary Secretary, from Teheran.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN INDIA.

THE meeting commenced last Saturday afternoon with unfavourable weather for shooting. A strong but unsteady wind blew obliquely all the afternoon, which doubtless accounted for the generally wretched practice made. The attendance of members was even smaller than heretofore.

The first prize on the list was the gold medal of the Association, and was won without trouble by Mr. Henry Dods, who fired remarkably well. The scores were—

	200 yards				Total	500 yards				Grand Total
Mr Gahagan	3	3	3	0	9	4	0	3	3	10
Mr Dods	4	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	27
Mr Ashley	0	2	4	3	2	3	3	2	3	17
Mr Beynon	3	3	3	0	2	0	3	1	0	9
Mr Brown	R	2	0	0	Retired					2

	200 yards				Total	500 yards				Grand Total
Mr Dods	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	31
Mr Gahagan	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	3	28
Mr Beynon	3	4	3	3	4	3	4	4	3	34
Mr Ashley	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	37
Mr Wilson	3	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	2	16

The next matches will come off this (Wednesday) afternoon, and, as will be seen from the programme already published in this paper, are for regulation rifles only.

A SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A EUROPEAN.

YESTERDAY, at the Fort Police Court, before Mr. Nana Morojee, John B. Adams was charged at the instance of Mr. Albert Shaw, foreman of the Government Patent Stone Works at Moody Bay, with rape and assault, or using criminal force to a woman, with intent to outrage her modesty. Mr. Shaw, in his information laid on the 9th inst., stated that he lived in a tent on the new ground at Moody Bay, with two children of his, the eldest being twelve and a half years of age and the other a baby of one year and ten months. The mother of the children had been in the Lunatic Asylum since November last. On or about the 24th of last month Mr. Shaw had occasion to go into the Fort, leaving his children in their usual sleeping place, and Adams in his. On Tuesday the 8th inst. his daughter informed him that Adams had seduced her. He called Adams and asked him what it meant. He replied laughingly "Nothing, the man must get used to that." He thereupon struck him and ordered him off, warning him not to return.

Mr. Cleary appeared on behalf of the prosecution; the defendant, who appeared in person, requested the Magistrate to postpone the case to some other day to enable the attendance of his counsel, Dr. Barton, who was engaged in the Criminal Sessions. On Mr. Cleary consenting, the case was postponed till Saturday first.

THE ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE.

WE observe that the work of beautifying the Elphinstone Circle is progressing very favourably. The large circle is now entirely enclosed by iron railings, with four entrance gates on the east, west, north and south sides; and the ground round the proposed fountain is being covered with green grass. Nearly a hundred men are daily at work on different parts of the Circle, and it is believed the painting and other minor decorations will be finished before the arrival of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

A sum amounting with interest to about twenty-thousand rupees was raised ten years ago by the friends and relations of the late Mr. Bomanjee Hormusjee Wadia to commemorate his name. Mr. Venayekrao Juggonnath Sunkersett acted as honorary secretary to the fund. It has been suggested to us that if the money is not disposed of—and we are informed that it is not—a better use could not be made of it than in placing the same at the disposal of Mr. Crawford, the Municipal Commissioner, who has been very properly selected to carry out to do what may be possible to improve the appearance of Bombay before the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh. With this sum in Mr. Crawford's hands, the proposed fountain in the centre of the circle could be made as elegant as could be wished; and the name of Mr. Bomanjee Wadia, who originally did so much in planning the formation of the Elphinstone Circle, could not be better sent down to posterity than by associating it with the Circle.

While we are on this subject, we may as well direct the attention of the "authorities" to an eye-sore and, what is more, a real nuisance, in the Elphinstone Circle at the north end of the passage between the Chartered Bank building and that of Mr. Ardaseer Hormusjee Wadia, where there is a Government stable, which forms a barrier to a public thoroughfare leading to Military Stores Lane. If the stable were removed, and we are surprised that it has not been done long since, it would open up a useful thoroughfare. If we are not mistaken, it was originally intended that it should be so.

ARTHUR CRAWFORD MARKETS.

PRIZE MEAT AND POULTRY SHOWS.

IN order to induce the dealers to fatten and feed cattles, &c., for the market, the Municipal Commissioner has instituted monthly meat and poultry shows, at which he awards prizes to those dealers who on the day appointed exhibit the best show of meat or poultry fattened and prepared for the market. The first show took place yesterday morning, and there will be one in future on the 15th of every month. The committee were President, Mr. Crawford, Municipal Commissioner, Dr. Hewlett, and Mr. Hammond, of the Refreshment Rooms, Apollo Bunder. The time has been too short to enable the dealers to do much as yet, but yesterday was a fair beginning, though the mutton was not sufficiently up to the mark, and no prize was awarded for that article. Three beef butchers, however, received Rs. 20 each for really prime and well fed carcases prepared for the market. The names of the butchers deserve to be given: they are Shamood Sheeroo, Curreem Mahomed Tajoo, and Curreem Mahomed Bhickkoo. Some really fine poultry was shown, and the following then received Rs. 10 each:—Shaik Adum, for 2 fowls; Sallee Mahomed, for 1 pair; Mahomedjee Ally Mahomed, for 1 pair. Mr. Hammond explained to the butchers how they both injured their meat in quality and destroyed its appearance by bad butchering or unskilful cutting up. The three prizemen are to be supplied with proper sets of English butchers' tools, and Mr. Hammond has kindly consented to show them how to use these tools and how to cut up carcases to advantage. A system of marks for the best daily show of meat by any dealer is to be commenced, and the drovers are also to be encouraged to bring in good beasts by premia given for prime beasts brought for sale to the Municipal Cattle Market at Bandora. It is hoped that by these means the class of meat may be greatly improved; and to check the rogueries of the "Bootler lok," who commonly charge their masters 1st class price for 2nd class meat, an arrangement is to be made similar to that made use of in Paris, viz., the best meat will be sealed in carcase at Bandora, and on arrival at the markets each joint as sold will be similarly sealed, the seal being one that cannot be forged in the bazaar.

FORT POLICE COURT.—15TH FEBRUARY.

(Before JOHN CONNON, Esq.)

REFUSAL OF DUTY.—Eleven seamen of the ship Canute were charged with wilful disobedience of lawful commands and refusal of duty. Six of them were sent to the County Jail and the rest to the House of Correction for a week.—John Wellborne, a seaman of the Gayanta, was charged with a similar offence, and was sentenced to a week's imprisonment.

VERY PROPER.—To all deeds signed by the authorities at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, is affixed the "common seal" of the Society!—*Punch and Judy.*

THE CHARTERHOUSE.—An unusual event has just occurred at the Charterhouse, viz., the expulsion of a brother of the foundation for contracting marriage in defiance of the rule made by the founder prohibiting the officials and brotherhood from entering into the state of matrimony. It is presumed the governing authorities of the hospital have repudiated this regulation in the case of the nine recipients of the charity, as they are, without exception, married men.—*The City Press*, Jan. 21.

A SEDUCER SHOT BY HIS VICTIM.—WHEELING, WEST VA., DEC. 31.—Yesterday afternoon a young woman, named Balham, who had been seduced by a man named M. Nash, visited his boarding-house, and calling him out demanded the fulfilment of his marriage promise. Upon his refusing, she drew a revolver and shot him through the bowels. She then surrendered herself to the authorities. M'Nash is mortally wounded. He was pledged to be married to another young woman in a few days.—*New York Tribune*, Jan. 1.

STEAMER REPORTS.

GALLE, 15TH, 6-32 A.M.—French mail steamer from Suez signalled.

GALLE, 16TH, 9 A.M.—French mail steamer from Calcutta signalled.

SHIPPING AND PASSENGERS.

THE ship FUTTAH LILLA, Nacoda, arrived yesterday from Bussorah with a general cargo.

THE ship CARL, Captain S. F. Engstrom, arrived on the 14th instant from Stockholm with a cargo of coal.

THE s. s. EMEU, Captain Babot, arrived yesterday from Hongkong with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. Bristow, Mr. Rustomjee, Mr. H. A. Esmail, Mr. Schmedeer, and Mr. Patell.

THE ship JORAWAR, Captain Wingate, arrived yesterday from Calcutta with a general cargo, and Mr. Peter Jacobson as a passenger. On the 4th January she spoke the ship Braunston, from Liverpool to Bombay, 118 days out, in lat. 12-7 N., long. off Donut Dilly.

THE s. s. ARABIA, Captain Sanders, sailed yesterday for the Malabar Coast and Calcutta with the following passengers:—For Calicut or Beypore—Mr. W. Maidment, Mr. Tapp, Colonel and Mrs. Nicols and two children. For Calicut—Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Shaw. For Cannanore—Mr. Vix. And ten deck passengers.

THE JACOBABAD FRAUDS.

BARRON SENTENCED TO PENAL SERVITUDE FOR LIFE.

THE trial of the prisoners in connection with the frauds in the Sind Frontier Force, commenced in the Bombay Criminal Sessions on Monday before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bayley and a special jury.

The Acting Advocate General (Mr. Scoble) and Mr. Ferguson appeared for the prosecution; Dr. R. B. Barton and Mr. McCulloch on behalf of the prisoner John Barron.

Before the jury was called,

Dr. Barton said he would object to any Government servants on the jury.

The Judge—You have a right to challenge ten: Dr. Barton. I don't know that I shall make any exception to the rule. But I am told there are no Government servants on the jury.

MR. MARESCAUX'S "CONTEMPT."

Mr. Green appeared on behalf of Mr. Marescaux and said—Will your Lordship allow me to mention the case of Mr. Marescaux, of whom some observations were made by the Court with regard to his non-appearance? He felt these remarks and desires to apologise to the Court for any want of judgment if he has not done what the Court considers he ought to have done; at same time he disclaims in the strongest manner the slightest intention of discourtesy or want of respect to the subpœna of the Court.

The Judge—With regard to that, Mr. Green, it is a little branch of the case and I will deal with him when his case comes on—when he is examined.

Mr. Green—If your Lordship think so, but I thought it would be a good opportunity to mention this at the opening of the case. Mr. Marescaux received only on the 29th of last month the subpœna requiring him to appear here on the 2nd. The first steamer left only on the 2nd and he thought it would be almost useless coming down. He did send down his book-keeper, who was the man that knew all about Barron's account. Mr. Marescaux personally knew nothing about the account and could speak only from the books, and he did what he could—he sent his book-keeper by the steamer on the 2nd, and he left yesterday week. Mr. Marescaux, too, is down with fever, and if he has been guilty of an error of judgment he desires to apologise to the Court and intimate that he had not the slightest intention of being guilty of the slightest disrespect.

THE ABSENT WITNESSES.

Dr. Barton—Whilst these little "niceties" are going on, I will mention another fact. Without making any motion I think it my duty as counsel for the prisoner to bring to your notice that two important witnesses who are in this case have not yet appeared. They were ordered to come down from Kurrachee but have not yet arrived.

The Judge—Do you refer to Pinto and D'Souza?

Dr. Barton—Yes, my Lord; and as the case has been pending for seven months I call that to the attention of the Court.

The Judge—I am quite aware of the delay and the reason of it, for the Commissioner of Sind, who is the chief authority there, has written to me on the subject. They would have been here before this time but for the difficulty of communication. They had to be sent from Shikarpore to Sukkur and had then to wait till a steamer came down.

Dr. Barton—I merely made the remark that they are not come.

The Judge—Well, that is not the fault of Government or any body else—I can hardly call it a fault, but an inability to get down at beyond a certain pace in that country.

Dr. Barton—They could have come down by the same steamer as Barron.

The Judge—I communicated with the Commissioner in Sind a considerable time ago and ascertained his reason why they had not arrived. I sent a letter to the Commissioner in Sind under an Act passed last year by the Government of India enabling prisoners to be removed at the request of a judge of this court, and they would have been here but for the slowness of communication in that part of the world. I shall read for your satisfaction, Dr. Barton, the original letter addressed to me by Colonel Merewether, Commissioner in Sind. It is dated Camp Culcee, 4th February, and he says,—"With reference to my letter dated 22nd ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that, after adopting the most expeditious arrangement, the two prisoners Pinto and D'Souza could only leave Shikarpore for Sukkur on the 1st or 2nd instant, where they must be detained until the departure of the next steamer for Kotree. This will account for the delay that must necessarily take place, which is a month ago since I wrote and requested them to be sent here.

THE TRIAL OF BARRON.

John Barron was then called and the Clerk of the Crown was about to read the charges against that prisoner, when

His Lordship asked whether the Advocate General was to go on with all the five charges.

The Advocate General replied that he purposed to put the prisoner in charge of the jury on three charges only—those with reference to Colonel Phayre's term of office.

John Barron, formerly head clerk to the Political Superintendent of Upper Sind, was then placed at the bar charged with forgery by having on several dates without lawful authority fraudulently altered abstracts signed by Colonel Phayre, the Political Superintendent of Upper Sind, his official capacity as a public servant, and having by means of these forgeries induced the Deputy Collector of the Shikarpore Treasury to deliver sums of Rs. 2,500, Rs. 3,600, Rs. 3,700, and Rs. 2,000. The charges referred to alterations on three abstracts and were varied in the usual manner under the Penal Code.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty. A special jury of Europeans was sworn, and the other jurymen were discharged for the day.

The Advocate General then proceeded to open the case for the prosecution, and in doing said—May it please your Lordship—Gentlemen of the Jury,—The charges which have been read to you by the Clerk to the Crown no doubt may appear somewhat difficult for you to follow on account of its being necessary to vary the statement of these charges with regard to the offences that the prisoner is alleged to have committed. But I think you will find as the evidence is laid before you that the case is a very simple one, and that any importance which may be supposed to attach to it arises rather from the circumstance of the prisoner having by reason of his position been able for a long while to carry on a series of successful frauds, though there has been no particular ingenuity or cleverness displayed by him in carrying it on. I think you will see that the case which will be laid before you to-day and supported by evidence will turn out to be a common case of embezzlement carried out by a person in his treatment of the documents over which he had control in his capacity of a public servant. The charges are three in number, and I think I will be so able to distinguish the one from the other that though the evidence may be long you will have no difficulty in connecting it as it bears on one or other of the three charges. But it is necessary that I should first state the circumstances under which the case is brought before you. The prisoner John Barron is a man who for many years was head clerk to the Political Superintendent and Commandant of the Frontier in Upper Sind. He filled that office under various Political Superintendents, and I think it only right to tell you that to all the officers under whom he served, till the discovery of the frauds which it will be their duty to investigate to-day, he gave the greatest satisfaction, and when Colonel Phayre returned from Abyssinia in 1868 and was appointed to the post of Political Superintendent of Upper Sind the prisoner was highly recommended to him by his predecessor in office as being a most valuable man, well acquainted with all the duties of the office, and for the special purpose of initiating Colonel Phayre into the routine of that office he was allowed to remain there for a period of about six months—a special favour conferred on Colonel Phayre, instead of Barron being at once promoted to a position of trust elsewhere as deputy collector. It was in the month of August 1868 that Colonel Phayre took charge of his appointment, and from the recommendations that he had received, as well as from the manner in which the business of the office was transacted in the first instance by the prisoner, he had no reason to suspect but that everything was being done in the most strict and accurate manner and that Barron was a straightforward honest man. Barron's conduct was that though he had a salary of only Rs. 230 a month he lived in a style which showed that he must expend considerably more than that sum monthly; but the explanation that was given of that apparent extravagance was that Barron had an interest in a shop——

Dr. Barton—Does your Lordship think that this is a fair matter for the Advocate General to bring to the notice of a jury?

The Judge—I think it is quite proper.

Dr. Barton—Then will your Lordship take a note of my objection?

The Judge—On what ground?

Dr. Barton—Because it does not matter in regard to this case in what style Barron lived. We all know that men in all positions live beyond their means, and if we were to charge all men with fraud——

The Judge—We will not have a speech just now, Dr. Barton. I do not think the objection can be sustained.

The Advocate General—With his Lordship's permission I will proceed with what I was saying—that the explanation for the apparent extravagance of the prisoner was that he was connected with a shop which was carrying on a good business in Kurrachee under the name of Collins & Co., a sort of local Treasure & Co., and that his extravagance was to be accounted for by the profits from that concern. I mention this now with any desire to prejudice the prisoner but to explain the reason why the suspicions of Colonel Phayre were not immediately roused on taking charge of his appointment. Colonel Phayre on entering upon his appointment did not at first live at Jacobabad. His head quarters were there, but he proceeded on a tour through the districts, and did not return to Jacobabad permanently till the end of April, and in that month he received a communication, an anonymous letter, which I will not read to you at present, in which his attention was called to certain irregularities which were alleged to be proceeding in his office, and Colonel Phayre having at that time the utmost confidence in the prisoner Barron, whose conduct was reflected on by this anonymous letter, did what a gentleman in his position might be expected to do under the circumstances—he at once sent the letter to Barron that he might know what the charges made against him were and give any explanation on the subject he might think necessary. But, gentlemen, in the course of June a circumstance occurred which had a much greater effect upon Colonel Phayre's mind. In the abstract which was sent in for the month of May, during which time Colonel Phayre had been resident at Jacobabad, batta was charged as if Colonel Phayre had been on a tour. Colonel Phayre has an allowance for travelling both for himself personally and for his establishment, and in the month of May this batta was charged for, or travelling allowances were entered in the abstract. On this abstract finding its way to the office of the Commissioner of Sind, it was returned for explanation as to why the batta had been charged, and Colonel Phayre's attention was in that manner directed to the circumstance that the abstract which had gone forward under his signature was an incorrect one. On this he called up Barron for an explanation. His statement was unsatisfactory and Colonel Phayre suspended him. That, gentlemen, was on 28th June 1869. Colonel Phayre's attention being thus aroused to the circumstances that irregularities had been going on in his office at once set to work to examine the accounts, and the result of his enquiries was that the prisoner is here to-day arraigned before you. There are three charges against him, the first of which relates to the falsification of the abstract on 1st September 1868, the very first abstract which Colonel Phayre signed in his official capacity. You will remember that he took charge of his appointment in August 1868, and therefore the first abstract he had to sign was on the 1st September. These abstracts, as you are aware, are summaries of payments in public offices for pay and allowances during the current month. The form in which these were prepared was this—in the first place a rough draft was prepared in the office by the clerks of whom Barron was the head; in most cases it was prepared by Barron himself; the rough abstract was submitted to Colonel Phayre, who initialled it, and from that a fair one was drawn out and sent to the treasury officer who from that supplied the amount mentioned therein. Now, that was the course of business, but with regard to this particular abstract now before you it was not adhered to. You will bear in mind that Colonel Phayre had just joined the appointment and Barron therefore seems to have taken advantage of that gentleman's inexperience of the office not to submit the rough abstract, as he ought to have done, but instead to bring the fair copy for signature in the first instance, and that was signed by Colonel Phayre. It is somewhat difficult without having the document before you to convey clearly to your minds the method in which the fraud was perpetrated, but you will see when the abstract is put before you that it is on a form partly lithographied, and shows under various items what is required by the Political Superintendent for his office and other charges. There are a number of items some of which I will read, in order that you may see how the abstract is made out. First of all, there is the pay of the Political Superintendent himself, then the pay of the establishment of the Political Superintendent, then the pay of the Assistant Political Superintendent, next his establishment, and so forth for the various offices which appertain to the government of that district. Then there are a series of charges for contingencies which are arranged under five heads, political contingencies, judicial, revenue, police, and medical contingencies. Then there are other miscellaneous items, such as office rent, interring of paupers, batta of public servants, hire of palkee, printing; and after these there comes an item with regard to which the principal fraud was perpetrated, and that item refers to public works charges. The establishment of the Public Works Department at Jacobabad receives a certain fixed sum for its pay; that sum is Rs. 6,000 a month, and that sum correctly appeared in the monthly abstract. That, as Colonel Phayre will tell you, was the entry in this abstract on 1st September when it was submitted to him for signature. Now, in order to obtain Colonel's Phayre's signature to this abstract it was necessary that its correctness should be vouched for by the prisoner Barron, and accordingly he put his initials at the foot of the document, and Colonel Phayre will tell you that when the document initialled by Barron came before him it contained a credit order of the Superintending Engineer for the pay of the Public Works Department, namely, Rs. 6,000—and I will be for you to say whether upon the evidence you believe that after this abstract had been signed by Colonel Phayre with the item of Rs. 272 for the establishment, the prisoner altered that item by putting the figure "6" in front of the Rs. 272—thereby making the credit order of the Public Works Department Rs. 6,272 instead of Rs. 272. In order to carry out that alteration Barron was obliged to alter all the subsequent details of the abstract, and this abstract will be put before you, and you will see clearly that all the subsequent items have been altered to correspond with the altered item, and that this was the item which was easily done. The abstract, being altered in this way, shows a claim of Rs. 6,000 payable beyond that which Colonel Phayre had given authority to be claimable. I must now call attention to the other side of the abstract to show how the same was to be paid by the collector at Shikarpore. You are aware probably that there is a system carried on for the convenience of public officers, whereby officers are guaranteed payment of their calls against Government, and on the back of this abstract, and on that of every abstract is shown a list of drafts required from the disbursing officer for the month, and he will tell you that at the time when Colonel Phayre signed the abstract for eight treasury orders only required, and he will tell you also that on the abstract as it now appears—and you will see that yourselves—there are ten treasury orders shown to be required and that the amount of one of the eight which were shown on the paper when it was first shown to Colonel Phayre has been most materially altered; and you will find, moreover, that the two entries for additional orders for that month are in the handwriting of the prisoner. Now it is material I should call attention to two of these items—the first is one that was altered after Colonel Phayre had signed the abstract and before it was inserted. The one which was altered was a draft on account of the Political Superintendent in favour of the Manager of the Agra Bank at Kurrachee for Rs. 2,500. There had been in the abstract as it at first appeared a draft in favour of the Agra Bank for a small amount, and I will show that whatever the original item may have been, the Rs. 2,500 is manifestly an alteration—there has been an erasure and substitution of figures. The other item is for Rs. 3,600 payable to the Secretary and Treasurer of the New Bank of Bombay and that appears wholly in the handwriting of the prisoner, and was inserted, as I have already stated, after Colonel Phayre had signed the abstract. Thus, gentlemen, you see there are two items—I do not trouble you with the third as it is of small amount and I wish to divest the case as much as possible of unnecessary particulars—and these two items of Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 3,600 which were fraudulently inserted on the back of the abstract after it had been signed by Colonel Phayre amount together to Rs. 6,100,—just Rs. 100 beyond the item of Rs. 6,000 which I have already stated to be all that was fraudulently entered on the other side of the abstract as showing the credit order from the Public Works Department,—and so you will see that in both cases the abstract was so altered as to make the items correspond and so get from the Treasury at Shikarpore, not merely the Rs. 6,000 justly payable by the department, but Rs. 100 as fraudulently shown by the insertion of this credit order on the Public Works Department. Now, gentlemen, it becomes necessary for me to show you what became of these two treasury drafts, for Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 3,600 respectively. The total amount of drafts asked for was Rs. 6,907; the balance from the abstract was Rs. 6,000 and the balance from the two drafts sometimes by escort, sometimes by post, and in whatever way they reached Jacobabad where Colonel Phayre was stationed, by escort or post, they were intercepted before the packet reached Colonel Phayre's hands, and it will be for you to say under the circumstances whether you consider these drafts were intercepted. But what ultimately came of them is clear.

The Judge—They were intercepted and never reached Colonel Phayre.

The Advocate General—They never reached Colonel Phayre. Whether they were escorted or sent by post it is impossible to say, but it is certain they never reached Colonel Phayre; and you will observe the ingenuity with which this was executed so far as the original abstract did not return to Colonel Phayre's office. Of course it was filed with the Collector at Shikarpore and was his voucher for the payment and would be retained in the course of business in his office as such. But Colonel Phayre had to go by it if he wished to ascertain whether the amount remitted corresponded with the abstract would be the rough draft of the abstract prepared in his office and which ought to have been submitted to him before the fair copy was signed, and you will find that in the rough draft so submitted and which ought to correspond in every particular with the fair abstract sent to the Collector in Shikarpore there is no mention of this large remittance of Rs. 2,500 or of the Rs. 3,600; and, gentlemen, it is material for you to remember that the whole of this rough abstract and the two additional items in the copy sent to the Collector at Shikarpore are also in his handwriting. Now, gentlemen, the next stage of the enquiry will be to show you what was done with these two particular remittances, and I must tell you that the custom with regard to these remittances was this—that any one employed in the department had the right on lodging money with the Collector of the Political Superintendent's office to apply for a remittance order for the amount of his deposit. Of course no one would be allowed to get anything beyond what he had previously deposited, and you will see that the prisoner's account in that respect by which it will be shown that neither in August nor September had he deposited more than a trifling amount, got a letter, a man, whoever it was that intercepted the packet in which this abstract was sent from Shikarpore to Jacobabad,—whether the prisoner or somebody else,—we find immediately on the arrival of these orders at Jacobabad the prisoner has them in his possession and is dealing with them. On the 3rd September he writes a letter to Mr. Marescaux, the manager of the Agra Bank at Kurrachee:—

"Dear Sir,—Enclosed I have the pleasure to hand you a treasury order for Rs. 2,500 which please place to floating account. Yours faithfully, J. BARRON."

That, gentlemen, accounts for one of the remittances or treasury orders, and we shall show that the particular remittance or order which is described upon the face of this abstract as being on account of the Political Superintendent on the Frontier of Upper Sind for Rs. 2,500 in favour of the Manager of the Agra Bank at Kurrachee was the identical order which prisoner forwards to Mr. Marescaux in the letter I have now read. That treasury order bears its consecutive number and will be recognized by the officers of the Collector of Shikarpore by whom it was granted and the signature of Mr. Marescaux shows he received it and the books of the Agra Bank will be produced and it will be shown on perfectly incontestible evidence that this Rs. 2,500, fraudulently obtained by these falsified entries, was on 3rd September 1868 sent by the prisoner to Kurrachee and placed to his credit in the Agra Bank at that place. Now, gentlemen, the fate of the order for Rs. 3,600 was similar. It appears that at that time, as some of you may remember, the Municipality of Bombay was contracting a loan for some public purpose or another and the prisoner was desirous of having a share in that loan and he sent down through the Bank of Bombay, with which he had an account, an application for Rs. 4,000 worth of that loan and at the same time he sent a remittance for Rs. 600. The sum that he would require to get Rs. 4,000 of an allotment was Rs. 3,600, the exact amount of this second treasury order, and accordingly we find him on 4th September 1868 writing to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bombay:—

Dear Sir,—On receipt of your favour of the 26th ultimo promising from the retention of my deposit by the Municipal Commissioner that my tender has been accepted, I sent to Shikarpore for an order for the balance due on the same. I have now the pleasure to hand you a treasury order for Rs. 3,000 and would be obliged by your placing this sum at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioner on your receiving an intimation of the acceptance of my tender from that officer. But on the non-acceptance thereof, and on the refund to you of my deposit of Rs. 500, I would be obliged by your investing the whole sum of Rs. 4,100 in Government paper of 5 or 6 per cent. Please forward the enclosed letter after perusal to the Municipal Commissioner.—Yours faithfully, J. W. BARRON.

Now, gentlemen, you will see he admits in this letter that he has sent to Shikarpore for the balance of the sum the Rs. 3,600 payable on the face of this treasury order; that was received from Shikarpore and the sum of Rs. 3,600 was carried to his credit in the Bank of Bombay, and by the help of that and the Rs. 500 previously received, Barron found himself the holder of Rs. 4,000 worth of Municipal debentures. Now this transfer will be identified in like manner by

papers were presented that day, but he did not turn over any other; the statement netted everything, and no one paid particular attention to that.

Dr. Barton—From the way in which things were going on, there must have been considerable laxity?—A. Almost every check had been removed; Barron had tried in course of time to remove every one.

Dr. Barton—How do you know that?—A. I know it now. I could produce a good many of my own signatures.

Dr. Barton—There was no check on bringing money from Shikarpore to Jacobabad?—A. There is now.

Dr. Barton—Ah, there is *now*; and so there is an old adage about locking the stable door when the steed is stolen.

Witness—All my letters should have been sent to my house, and sometimes I sent them to Barron. It was his duty to check the contents, it was not my duty to check my confidential clerk. I remember submitting a bill for about Rs. 7,000 for subsistence of Sirdars and native Chiefs, for a large number of hill tribes that came to stay with us for a fortnight on our invitation, so that we had to feed them. This was in 1869. It was not debited to the *Toshekhana*. I can produce the correspondence. There were some presents to the Chiefs, but these were put in the lump sum. I do not know whether that grant and the *Toshekhana* were under the same Government resolution, the paper will show. Barron has been in jail only a short time. He was confined in a bungalow in July, and only when he tried to escape, he was put in prison. It has taken till this time to complete the case; his wife and family have been at Jacobabad all the time. I swore my information on 21st July, and it was necessary to get two months' adjournment to get the papers.

Re-examined by the Advocate General—The office copies of the statement of abstracts were brought to me when Barron was arrested, and I initialled them for identification in my investigation. They are in Barron's handwriting, and it was impossible they could have been written up then. The papers included all the files for several months, and these I insisted on getting. Barron kept a cash book which ought to have shown the monies sent from Shikarpore.

An English cash book kept by Barron was here produced by the Advocate General, and Dr. Barton objected strongly to its production as opening up a new case, but the Judge ruled that after the learned counsel's cross-examination the book did not form a new case. The Advocate General accordingly put in the book.

Witness then showed that on the credit of the cash book there were no entries of the Rs. 6,000 stated on the reverse of the first abstract. Treasury orders on Shikarpore were generally for small sums, and military officers were allowed to remit only to the amount of their pay, so that had there been a large sum for orders, it would have attracted his attention. These abstracts were one of the few documents which one in the native ranks had to sign on the back, and so he naturally turned them over.

Dr. Barton was allowed to cross-examine as to the book, and he attempted to show that the entries in it covered the Rs. 6,000. Colonel Phayre, however, held the payments had not been made of "*the* Rs. 6,000." Dr. Barton complained of the answers, and a deal of amusement was caused at one stage when Colonel Phayre commenced a reply with the words "Well, now look here," to which Dr. Barton in the most emphatic and deliberate tones replied, "No; I *won't* look here." The result of the cross-examination was that Rs. 5,690 had been spent, that there was more than was met by the receipt, and that the Rs. 6,000 had not been accounted for.

Witness was then briefly examined by the Court, when he explained as to the signing "by order" that he had not been aware Barron signed anything in his judicial circulars "by order," and he then ordered him never to sign in that way. When he called for the files, he found there were none for 1867 or 1868, or the early part of 1869. They ought to have been in the office; it was Barron's duty to preserve them and copies of abstracts and many other documents which had been wanted in the investigation but were missing. Great difficulty and delay had been occasioned in consequence of the absence of material documents, which it was Barron's duty, as head clerk, to have filed.

This concluded the examination of Colonel Phayre, and his Lordship then remarked that he was afraid the jury must be locked up. Dr. Barton said he would be glad to consent, but could not, to their discharge, and the Advocate General said that under the authority of the Queen *vs.* Dyal Jairaz the consent of the prosecution would not do.

The Judge then addressing the jury, remarked—I am very sorry, gentlemen, that it should be so, but this is one of those things that happen sometimes. I am sorry you will have to be kept together, but the Sheriff has made arrangements that you can go to the Byculla Hotel **whenever you like.** There are twelve or fourteen witnesses, and with the view of getting through the case to-morrow, so that you may not have a second day away from home, we purpose to proceed with another witness to-night.

A Juror—The gentlemen of the jury desire me to ask if your Lordship cannot dispense with locking up the jury on their pledging their word that they won't discuss the case.

The Judge—There was a case in this Court, the Queen *vs.* Dyal Jairaz and others, in which Mr. Justice Austey sentenced some prisoner to transportation for life. I was Advocate General and gave a certificate, in order that it might be discussed before the judges, and it was held that as it was not felony under an old law, it was not wrong in that case to release the jury. But this case is different and under the authority of that case, by which we are bound I hope, I am afraid I am not at liberty to release you. In the event of a conviction it would probably vitiate the whole proceedings, and then you or some other gentlemen would have to try it over again.

A Juror—Well, can't we go on now.

The Judge—I shall go on as long as you like.

The Advocate General—I know your Lordship and the jury will recollect there is a limit to endurance, and that the counsel have a hard work.

A Juror—I think the jury being locked up have the hardest work. (A laugh.)

Another juror expressed his readiness to sit till midnight.

Major Macaulay was then examined, his evidence occupying till seven o'clock and the Sessions were then adjourned till next morning half past nine, the jury being locked up in the Byculla Hotel.

The case was resumed yesterday morning at half past nine.

Mr. Marcaux was one of the witnesses called, and as his explanation for not obeying the subpœna of the Court and for not bringing a book he had been ordered to produce was not satisfactory, he was fined Rs. 200 for contempt of Court.

The case for the Crown was then concluded, after which Dr. Barton addressed the jury for the defence but did not call any witnesses.

After the Judge's summing up the jury found the prisoner guilty on all the charges.

His Lordship in passing sentence said he had no doubt that, as Colonel Phayre had said, eighty cases of forgery could, if necessary, be proved against the prisoner, and that he had embezzled to the amount of Rs. 80,000 of Government money. There could be no doubt prisoner had been the originator of this wholesale system of plunder, and that others owed their degraded position to his infamies. His Lordship then sentenced prisoner to penal servitude for the term of his life.

There was a charge against Barron of escaping from custody, but that will not now be proceeded with; Barron and others, however, will be put on trial to-day for conspiracy.

The gentlemen both of the special and common jury are required to be in attendance this morning.

THE DRAMA OF THE PERIOD.

Some time ago a curious controversy sprang up in the *feuilleton* of our estimable Parisian contemporary *Le Temps*, between one of the ablest of French dramatic critics and a learned gentleman who contributes to that journal's weekly review of the proceedings in the law courts. The critic had complained that while the abuse of the Seventh Commandment formed the staple of three-fourths of the dramas of the day, the playwrights had got into the bad habit of treating the subject too seriously, and dwelling on its sad and sombre side, and even exaggerating those penalties and often fatal consequences to which it is apt to lead in real life. "Our fathers," he said, "took the matter far more lightly and gaily; they used to call the crime by a name which suggested only ludicrous ideas and laughable associations." To this the barrister replied that conjugal infidelity was no laughing matter to any one at all conversant with the disclosures of the law courts. The dramatic critic rejoined that all human affairs had their severe and their lively aspect; that in themselves they were neither grave nor gay; and that everything depended on the point of view in which they were regarded. A skilful and witty vaudevillist, he added, might easily contribute to the amusement, and provoke the pleasant laughter of an audience by representing situations which in real life would be dreadful and revolting. Shortly after, happening to meet a well-known Parisian dramatist—"Your remarks," said the latter, "have surprised me greatly; you want a lively and amusing vaudeville on the subject; you shall have one." Accordingly, last week a comedy in three acts, entitled *The Happiest of the Three*, was produced at the Palais Royal Theatre, and achieved a decided success. M. Sarcey, the eminent critic, claims the moral paternity of the piece. It is perfectly in accordance with his notions of the manner of the proper treatment of such a subject on the stage. The three principal personages in this comedy are, of course, the husband, the wife, and the lover, and "the happiest of the three" is the husband, who lives in blissful ignorance of his unfortunate and absurd position, and who treats "the friend of the love" with a blind and absolute confidence that almost reaches the sublime. In fact he makes a perfect "fag" of all work of this accommodating friend, sending him on all sorts of errands and commissions. For instance, a gale of wind has blown the tiles off the roof of his house, "Ernest" is sent up to examine the amount of damage, at the risk of his neck. The husband has an indigestion; he is in despair because "Ernest" is not on the spot to give him a *tisane*. If the friend has any compensations, they count for very little in comparison with his incessant petty troubles, ridiculous annoyances, and alarms. This "situation" is worked by the French dramatist with infinite ingenuity and inexhaustible variety of humour and invention through the three acts. And the eminent critic invites his friend the barrister's attention to the fact that all these scenes are profoundly immoral, and fruitful in disastrous consequences in real life; yet the public—a public, it may be supposed, of husbands and wives, of fathers and mothers—bear witness by roars of laughter and frequent applause to their enjoyment of a series of scenes from which the dramatist has carefully banished every serious suggestion, making food for laughter of love, honour, family affection, truth and virtue. For the proper appreciation of such comedies, M. Sarcey tells us, one must not only be possessed of considerable agility of mind, and a taste for "things Parisian;" one must have seen and analyzed a great many vaudevilles, and known the tricks of the game. The play-writer and the public must understand each other.—*Daily News.*

A WIFE WHO WAS ANXIOUS TO PLEASE.

The romance of modern civilization is often to be read in the proceedings of the Police Courts. At Wandsworth, on Friday (Jan. 14) a gentleman in bringing a charge of attempted fraud, lifted the veil from a curious comedy of modern domestic life. He was married on the 29th of November, 1866, and in August, 1867, during his absence from home, his wife had presented him with a little girl. He hastened home that same evening and found the household in exactly that condition of half-hostile possession which indicates the reign of the mouthly nurse. Being admitted to his wife's room, he congratulated her on the happy event, gave the little stranger his own hearty welcome, and allowed himself to be persuaded that she had just his own hands and forehead. The interview was, however, cut short, as usual, by the inexorable nurse, who could not allow him to remain in the room too long, for fear of exciting the mother in her weak state. The nurse's reign lasted its usual time, or a little longer than usual, and when the household returned to its normal condition the baby had taken its normal place as child of the house, and tyrant of the situation. For some months the unsuspecting head of the house accepted the baby as his wife's. There was a little difficulty about the nurse, but that was got over, and for some months all went well. At last the gentleman's suspicions were aroused, and after inquiry the truth, according to his own statement, came out. His wife thought he was anxious to have a child, and having taken counsel with the persons now charged with conspiracy, procured one and palmed it off upon him. The whole business seems to have been gone about in the systematic way which suggests practised hands. The nurse, however, was staggered at finding that the husband was the person to be deceived. She had no objection to be accessory to a pretended birth, but that the pretence should be expected to impose on the husband was a novelty which induced her to wash her hands of the affair altogether. The husband does not represent that his wife had any other idea than that of pleasing him, and the wonder is that, having found out her little artifice, he should rehearse it in public for the world to laugh at.—*Daily News.*

A PRUSSIAN DUEL.

A duel has been fought at Berlin which threatens to terminate fatally for one of the combatants, and great excitement consequently exists in the capital. Count Moritz Hohenthal, a Prussian nobleman, and Count Uxskyll, military *attaché* to the Austrian Legation at Berlin, having had a quarrel of so serious a nature that a pacific settlement was considered out of the question, fought in the Grunewald, a wood in the immediate vicinity of Berlin. The weapons chosen were pistols, and the result was that Count Uxskyll fell, having been shot in the hip. He was at once removed to his own residence and medical assistance was promptly procured. The celebrated surgeon, Baron Lagenbuk, was sent for, and lost no time in attending on the sufferer, but all his efforts to extract the ball were unavailing, and it appears even to have been impossible to trace the course which it had taken. The latest accounts report that the ball has not yet been extracted, and that the patient's condition is nearly hopeless. Count Uxskyll, however, is preserved from suffering by the large doses of opiates which are constantly being administered to him by his medical advisers. Count Moritz Hohenthal's second was Baron Oertzen, and Count Uxskyll was attended by Prince Frederick Wittgenstein, a Prussian officer well known to many in this country as having accompanied the last British expedition to China, and it is believed that, as is too often the case in affairs of this sort, a lady was the cause of this unhappy quarrel.—*Echo.*

MR. MILL ON THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACT.

The following paragraph is extracted from a letter of Mr. Mill's, dated Avignon, January 11:—

The subject of your letter of the 3rd is one which I have much considered, and in which I feel great interest; and the result of the consideration is that I greatly deprecate any extension of the Contagious Diseases Act, and should highly approve of its repeal. I do not think the abuses of power by the police mere accidents which could be prevented. I think them the necessary consequences of any attempt to carry out such a plan thoroughly. If once examination is made other than voluntary the police must try to prevent evasion of it, and this at once opens the door to innocent mistakes on the part of the police, and makes it necessary to entrust them with power over women which no men are fit to have. I am opposed to the principle of the Act. I believe the medical efficacy of it to be doubtful, and I believe it to be impossible to carry it out without a degree of oppression which would more than overbalance any advantages that could be gained. Of course, in saying this, I look to the female population as well as the male, and strike the balance of advantages to the whole. I may as well say that I think this oppression does exist in France, and is responsible for a state of feelings among all classes far worse than exists in England. Nor do I think the it direct evils of this kind or registration to be despised. The interpretation certain to be put upon regulations of this description, even if entirely false, is so mischievous that a very great balance of well ascertained practical good effects would not, perhaps, be sufficient to compensate for it. To fancy that calling this objection immaterial one at all invalidates it is merely childish, for, assuredly, men's sentiments have a great deal to do in regulating their conduct; and no law can be a good one which gives a bad direction to men's sentiments.

THE PANTOMIME AT DRURY LANE.

I am sadly behind-hand in pantomimes, having only seen one at Drury Lane, and that is so good that I hardly care to go to another, as I feel sure none can be better. The opening is well done, neatly written and constructed, though some liberties have been taken with Moore's "Paradise and the Peri," which has been lugged into the old fairy tale of "Beauty and the Beast," but that is pantomimic license, and as it introduces us to a charming Peri in the person of a young lady who calls herself or is called Miss Kate Jantley, I see no reason to quarrel with the innovation. Miss Jantley is discovered in Paradise, *not* in the primeval garb of that happy place, but in a light-blue satin tunic and boots to match, along with other Peris as charmingly attired, who, I need scarcely add, dance and disport themselves after a bewildering fashion and bring "the joys of Paradise" home tangibly to Brown, Jones and Robinson. Then the naughty Peri (I forget what she had done) is turned out and finds a refuge on the earth with the comic parent of "Beauty," a gentleman engaged in the commerce, who has three daughters, of whom of course "Beauty" is the best and fairest. And here I must say that this pantomime owes its chief attraction to a wonderfully clever family consisting of three sisters and two brothers, Vokes by name, who perform therein. They are exceptionally clever, for in addition to being admirable pantomimists and dancers they can sing and sing well. Then the three young ladies are all good looking, and one of them, Miss Victoria Vokes, has a wonderful voice, pronounces her words distinctly; and as to the dancing of herself and her youngest sister, Rosina, it must be seen to be appreciated. They essay and accomplish the most daring flights with a grace and agility quite unprecedented, and after seeing the heavy plunging and bounding of a big woman at the Alhambra the other night it was a most pleasing relief. One of the brothers, Mr. F. Vokes, is a singer and grotesque dancer with apparently no bones in his body to speak of, and dances a "triangular dance of exultation" with two of his sisters, which brings down the house nightly. The adventures of the comic parent and his servant,—their night passed in the Forest of Alpes, very clever scene),—their falling in with the Beast, who you will remember is a transformed Prince; how the Peri regains Paradise (not very clear that by the way) and Beauty gets a husband, is all told with the help of gorgeous scenery and much singing and dancing; and if the pantomime ended with the transformation scene and Miss Jantley's pretty face and fun figure under the lime light, I should have left the theatre with unalloyed pleasure. But then comes the Harlequinade which is dull and rendered disgusting now by the outrageous puffing for which it is the vehicle. Managers let a scene to some "enterprising" tradesman in which himself and his wares are presented to the audience in every possible shape and way. The exterior of a shop is depicted and at Drury Lane "Wilcox and Gibbs,"—the silent sewing-machine makers of Regent Street—are the chief offenders in this line. For nearly half an hour were we bored with the excellences of the silent machine (what is a silent machine I wonder?) over all others. If the clown bonneted some old lady in a cap the cap turned into a sewing machine. If a pieman brought in a board announcing the excellence of his pies, at a flap of Harlequin's wand is changed into a legend of "Wilcox and Gibbs is the best, &c." To the best of my belief Wilcox and Gibbs, I felt tempted to exclaim; and then to add to my wrath there came "Lewis's perfume sprinkler" and Mr. Kino, a tailor of Cornhill, obtruded his wares, (but I should say he took nothing by his motion as from the specimens shown you would naturally avoid him), and so it went on till I left in disgust which is more than the irrepressible humour of the charming Vokes could hardly assuage. Of course, managers are to blame for this, but it is a puffing age, and when they get £50 or more for a scene (and Wilcox and Gibbs ought to have paid double that), it all comes under the head of "business," and to make money is we know the chief object of life. Still there are some theatres that do not adopt this responsible custom,—notably the St. James's—all honor to them and it. I wish the others would reform it altogether.—*Home Letter.*

A Patriarch.—One Hadji Athanassi, a Greek, has just died at Vourla (Smyrna), at the patriarchal age of 25, having lived in the reigns of nine Sultans! He preserved his faculties to the very last. His regular diet was fish and vegetables; meat he never ate, except at Easter.—*Levant Times*

An Aged Negro.—A Bahia paper notices the death of a Brazilian-born negro, named José Xiambé, in the town of Santa Amaro, at the age of 150 years. Up to the time of his death he preserved all his senses, and the use of his mental faculties. He remembered the arrival, from the coast of Africa, of a negro who died some time since at the age of 130; at which time he himself was a master carter.—*Anglo-Brazilian Times*, Dec. 17.

Prosecution of Newspapers for Publishing a Portrait.—The Paris newspaper, the *Eclipse*, has been prosecuted before the Correctional Police for having published, at one, in the day, a portrait of Victor Noir after death, and for not having made the legal depôt of the paper until four in the afternoon. The *gérant*, M Munger, on the double charge of selling a journal without the preliminary deposit and publishing unauthorized illustrations, was condemned to a week's imprisonment and 500f. fine. At the same sitting M. Barbieux, *gérant* of the *Rappel*, was condemned to six days' imprisonment and 500f. fine for publishing a similar portrait without authorisation.

SCENE IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

The following is a report of the scene in the French Chamber, between M. Ollivier and M. Gambetta, on Jan. 17. M. Gambetta—I have done you no injustice in telling you that I would not accept you as a fit person to give an opinion in matters of conscience. I have said, and I now repeat, that your conscience is a very elastic one, and there is one thing you will never be able to explain—viz., that your opinions have altered with your fortunes. M. Ollivier—I will not stoop to justify myself. M. Gambetta.—Your constituents have stamped your conduct as disgraceful. M. Ollivier—Devotedness to my country alone is the cause of my taking office. M. Gambetta—Through flunkeyism. M. Ollivier—Those who talk of fortune are the very men who make politics a stepping stone to fortune. I have never had but one aim—liberty. M. Gambetta—You used to be a Republican. M. Ollivier—Ever since 1857 my constant object has been to preserve the country from the terrors of a new revolution. M. Jules Ferry—You were deceiving us then. (Order.) M. Emile Ollivier—Ever since 1857 I have kept in view the words of Cavaignac, protesting against mental reservations, "Liberty is the darling object of my life, and though I have been a Republican, I support the Empire because it gives us liberty." M. Gambetta (in the midst of great noise)—You have listened to falsehood, listen to the voice of truth. The President—I call M. Gambetta to order. M. Gambetta—You had better call M. Ollivier to honour.

PALL MALL GAZETTE'S NOTES.

(*Pall Mall Gazette*, Jan. 21.)

We are inclined to think that Prince Pierre Bonaparte's neighbours will not be sorry to lose him, for a short time at all events. One of the Paris papers states that the Prince kept a lioness in a cage at his residence. It was a most intelligent animal, but was the cause of much uneasiness at Auteuil. Since the late unfortunate result of his Highness's momentary loss of temper, the lioness has been removed to the Jardin des Plantes, where it may now be seen. The Prince himself would, if all the accounts of him are correct, be a valuable addition to any Zoological Gardens, but it would be necessary to caution visitors not to irritate him or go too near his cage.

A French paper mentions the following sensible custom which prevails at Stuttgard, the capital of Wurtemberg. On the afternoon of New Year's Day a sort of fair, or exchange for visiting cards, is held in a public place. All the servants of good houses, and all the commissionaires, meet there, and one among them, mounted on a bench or table, calls out the addresses. At each name announced a cloud of cards falls into a basket placed for the purpose, and the representative of the person for whom these cards are intended can pocket his quantum. Each follows in his turn, and in a few minutes hundreds of cards have reached their destination without fatigue to any one. The idea is ingenious and practical.

The Court of Queen's Bench has just decided a question of some importance which has arisen under the last Vaccination Act. The question is as to the legal effect of a medical certificate of the unfitness of a child for vaccination when such certificate is relied upon as a defence to proceedings taken under the 30 and 31 Vict., cap. 8, sec. 31. The decision of the court in "Allen *v.* Worthy" is to the effect that the certificate does not, as was contended by the appellant, form an absolute bar to such proceedings; but that the justices before whom the information is laid may in their discretion proceed to make an order for the compulsory vaccination of a child in the face of such a certificate. In the present case it appears that the justices rejected the certificate of the medical man in consequence of his bias not as against the practice of vaccination; and it is evident that if their jurisdiction in this respect were restricted, the Act might by means of successive certificates of this kind be persistently evaded.

The *Lancet* of last week calls attention to the injurious consequences of children's parties. Children, it says, are excited beforehand. They are dressed insufficiently; they dance themselves into great fatigue; they eat and drink at late hours what would try their digestion badly enough in its mid-day vigour; and, worst of all, they lose from two to six hours sleep. This is all very true; but while every one must sympathize with the young sufferers who thus early find out all they have to endure when they are called upon to "enjoy themselves," it seems hard that not a finger is lifted, not a voice is raised on behalf of the elder members of the community, whose sufferings must at times be awful. To say nothing of the late hours they keep, the unconscionable nature of the scanty clothing they wear—often far more limited than that in which a casual applies for a night's lodging at a workhouse—the misery of eating when they do not want to eat, and not eating when they do, there is the crushing expense which all this misery entails. There can be no doubt that we are not very barbarous in our enjoyments; real enjoyment should be natural, and not artificial; but what human creature could ever naturally enjoy the discomfort, for instance, of a drawing-room at the Palace. It is terrible to think how many ladies must have been killed by sitting for hours in their carriages in low gowns on bitterly cold afternoons; and the same fatal notion of pleasure pervade most of the arrangements of society. Insufficient clothing probably kills more in proportion of the upper classes than it does of the lower, and certainly fewer people in this country die of starvation than of indigestion and gout. Yet nobody pities the elderly victims of refinement.

The *New York Herald* fully and satisfactorily explains the reason why it has lately taken to expounding prophecy, and favoured its readers with articles on religious subjects. It wishes everybody clearly to understand that, while fully appreciating the advantages of religion, those advantages are the blends of with the benefits conferred on the world by that journal that, if one of the two—Religion or the *New York Herald*—is to be left behind, it must be the former. "We are not unwilling" it touchingly says, "to be religious; but the priests and the parsons must know that we cannot dispense with the physician, and that on no account will we give up the steam-engine, the telegraph, or the newspaper. Science and Religion! We like the church, the chapel, the meeting-house, or what you choose to call it, but we cannot go back. If we cannot have a sermon from the pulpit, we shall have at least our Sunday *Herald*. The *Herald* never goes back on Suez canals and Pacific railroads. Our motto is the motto of Galileo—'And still it moves.' It certainly does more, and the curious spectacle is presented of the *New York Herald* in front, with religion and science puffing and blowing, and vainly endeavouring to keep up with the astonishing leader. It is impossible to foretell the result of this combined movement; we are, however, inclined to think that when religion and science find the pace of the *Herald* too much for them, they will give up all further attempt to follow it, and that although of course the majority of mankind will stick to the *Herald*, a few of the stanch and retiring members of society will weakly lag behind with religion and science; anyhow it is consoling to hear from the *Herald* that we "can have no more crucifixions" in future.

The Rev. F. D. Maurice, with the manly honesty natural to him, has made a recantation in the *Daily News*. He states that he is one of those who signed a petition for extending the operation of the Contagious Diseases Act, and that he did not do this hastily or in forgetfulness of his office as a clergyman. He is now convinced that he was wrong, and this conviction has been the result of the most careful perusal of the facts against the Act. "I think," he says, "the protests of the ladies have shown us that we shall involve the innocent with the guilty; that we shall degrade the guilty more; that we are inflicting an injury on the whole sex by assuming that any woman can exist to satisfy the lust of a man." Mr. Maurice compares existing legislation to American slavery, and affirms that as there was no remedy for the evils of that institution except extirpation, so "we have arrived at a period when the question must be faced which sounds so ridiculous and monstrous to all wise men about town. How can prostitution be extirpated?" Mr. Maurice has no plan to suggest; he evidently does not see his way clearly, but he hopes that an answer to the question may be found. We sincerely hope so also, though we confess that we do not see why the present age is more likely to witness its solution than any which has preceded it. Mr. Maurice hopes with "a resolution against despair," and it is impossible not to honour him for so doing; but his letter, like the protest, is as remarkable for good feeling as for a lack of argument. We have already replied to the assertions made in the protest, and have proved, as we think, their fallacy. They have converted Mr. Maurice, however, who has nofresh argument to urge against the Act. We cannot, he says in effect, make prostitution less intolerable; we must therefore try that we may be able to abolish it altogether. We say, on the other hand, and we believe with sound reason on our side, let us at least do what can be done at once, and what in the opinion of the whole medical profession and of almost every man who has calmly considered the subject, it is imperative should be done, to lessen, if we cannot stamp out, a gigantic evil. We have a practical aim before us, an aim which, if it do not achieve all that might be desired, is certain to accomplish much. We do not know—Mr. Maurice does not pretend to know—how to destroy the enemy, but we can keep him within bounds; and it is surely better to attempt in the first place what is clearly practicable than to allow the foe to continue his depredations unmolested because we are not strong enough to kill him outright.

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2 sets of very best Kersey horse clothings.

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